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24 beds to go in geriatric unit at West Park Hospital

STAFFING CRISIS CLOSES WARD

Report by Jordan Harris

STAFFING pressures have forced the closure of a ward at Wolverhampton's West Park Hospital, health bosses have confirmed.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust said geriatric ward three at the rehabilitation hospital is to close, resulting in the loss of 24 beds.

Staff shortages have been cited as the reason for the closure, with the hospital saying that staff from the ward will be redeployed to improve staffing levels elsewhere in the hospital, on Park Road West.

Cheryl Etches, chief nurse at the trust, which also runs New Cross Hospital, said: "The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust always strives to provide high quality safe and effective care for patients.

"In line with the national picture, the trust is experiencing significant challenges with regards to the recruitment of nursing staff. A decision has therefore been taken to close ward three to admissions at West Park Hospital. This will not adversely affect any patients currently being cared for on this ward.

Focused

"This change will also optimise the concentration of nurses and therapists at West Park Hospital and enable the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust to deliver a more focused rehabilitation programme."

A trust spokesman added that use of the ward will be phased out gradually, meaning that patients currently being treated there will remain, but that no new patients would be admitted.

A member of staff, who did not want to be named, said that the number of beds lost equates to around half of the geriatric care at West Park. The worker said: "We were told that within the month the ward will be no more.

"When they don't have enough beds at New Cross they move people over to us, so I don't know what they are going to do now. There just isn't the capacity.

"We all know things are tight at the moment, but by closing this ward they are letting down the people of Wolverhampton and letting down people who have paid into the NHS all their lives.

"I think it is terrible. We are seeing a lot of problems here, but when we were told this about the ward closing, it was just the straw that broke the camel's back and I had to speak out. People deserve to know. Closing ward three means that we are losing half of the geriatric beds."

LAP UP THE FUN AT CHARITY COMMUNITY RUN

At the ready – fundraisers in appeal as they prepare to put their Best Foot Forward to aid charity

PUT your best foot forward – the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton is encouraging everyone to put their Best Foot Forward and clock up as many laps as they can in a massive community run around Aldersley Stadium.

It will be the fourth year it has taken place, and has over the years collected £60,000 for local causes. The event is open to all ages, and with every lap completed £1 will be raised for the Wolverhampton Samaritans, Acorns in the Black Country and the Rotary Charitable Trust.

Unlike other charity runs, the Best Foot Forward is unique in that it doesn't require the participants themselves to find sponsors. Instead, all the donations will be made by community-minded patrons, who will release a £1 into the charity pot with every lap recorded. The Express & Star is one of the patrons supporting the event, alongside Wolverhampton City Council and local businesses.

Rotarian Mike Boyce said:"Each runner will be given a personal chip that keeps track of how many laps they complete, and everyone can set their own goals on how far they run on the day.

One charity to benefit is Acorns Children's Hospicebut as well as raising money for the three chosen causes, runners have the option to fundraise for other causes if they prefer, while many local groups are also taking the opportunity to hold their own charity events at the stadium on the same day and simultaneously contribute to the £1 laps as well as gaining their own sponsorship.

These include the Wolverhampton MS Oxygen and Therapy Centre, whose centre manager Susan Husband, said: "We were set up by Rotary 30 years ago and they have continued to supported us in a big way ever since." Also in attendance will be fundraisers for the Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support GroupThe big run will take place between 8am and 8pm on Saturday, July 2 at Aldersley

CORONER

Body found in quiet residential city street

A BODY has been found in a quiet residential street in Wolverhampton, although the police are not treating it as suspicious.

The body, believed to be that of a male in his 40s, was discovered in Woodland Road, Finchfield, at around 6.30am on Sunday.

West Midlands Police confirmed that they conducted door-to-door investigations in the area following the discovery, but said the death was not being treated as suspicious. The matter has been passed to the coroner to determine cause of death.

HISTORIC

Hopes to re-open stretch of canal

THE Canal and River Trust is looking at the possibility of re-opening an historic stretch of the Black Country canal network.

It will be giving details of proposals for the one-and-a-half mile stretch of the Bradley Canal from the Bradley Arm to the Moorcroft Junction of the Walsall Canal at a meeting at the Lower Bradley Community Centre this week.

Bilston councillor Stephen Simkins said the Trust had done a feasibility study.

SCHEDULE

Urban village project at halfway stage

THE £3 million Bilston Urban Village highway capacity improvements programme has reached the half-way stage.

New and wider lanes are being built to reduce traffic congestion at the Black Country Route/Coseley Road roundabout and at the Broad Lanes/Ladymoor Road/Highfields Road junction as part of a 12-month project, which is being funded by Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment, said: "We are now halfway through the delivery of this programme which is on schedule."

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Miles of smiles for Royal celebrations

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Tears over Holly's stolen bracelet

Holly Crabtree with her letter

A HEARTBROKEN little girl who wrote an emotional plea to raiders who ransacked her home has received a touching message and donation from a stranger.

Six-year-old Holly Crabtree, from Willenhall, had her Pandora christening bracelet taken during the break-in last February.

She was so upset that she decided to pen a letter to the burglars saying: "The way you get money is not by stealing, the way to get money is by getting a job."

After hearing Holly's story, a well-wisher from London has written to her family alongside a cheque for £10 to put towards a new bracelet.

The letter reads: "Please would you say thank you to Holly for writing her letter after your burglary. She expressed how so many people who have been burgled, are feeling. I read the article and I do so hope that Holly may get a replacement bracelet.

"We all know that good and bad things happen to everyone, but I hope that something good will come your way."

Holly's mother Kerry said she was 'overwhelmed' when the letter arrived. "We had just come back and looked through all of our mail. We saw this letter addressed to the parents of Holy Crabtree, opened it up and then what was inside just took me by surprise.

"I actually shed a tear when I read it, to know that there was someone who cared out there and had gone through such trouble to reach out to us," said Mrs Crabtree.

The burglars struck while Holly and her family were out on a shopping trip.

Flat owners slapped with huge repair bills

FLAT owners at a city block have been slapped with massive repair bills running into tens of thousands of pounds by Wolverhampton Homes.

Owners and landlords at Merridale Court are facing the huge fees after a tribunal ruled that they must foot a huge £221,000 bill.

Lee Smith, who rents out a flat and has been issued with a £10,000 charge, has claimed he will go to prison before paying out, while Alan Smith (no relation), whose mother Jean was handed a £12,000 invoice, doesn't know how the 88-year-old will find the cash to pay.

Wolverhampton Homes, the council's property arm, claim essential work must be carried out to fix, roofing, asphalt, gas and electric.

Of the properties in the block, 21 are owned by private landlords, while the remaining 14 are still owned by Wolverhampton Homes, who carry out all the maintenance work. Private landlords pay a premium for any repairs needed.

However Mr Smith, who owns a flooring company and has vast experience in the building trade, insists the amount appears inflated, and says he is being charged for repairs on a balcony that he doesn't even have. He also believes it's unfair to charge a lump sum to elderly residents who don't have the energy to fight back.

He said: "There are 35 flats in block nine, I have divided £221,524.57 by 35 and this totals £6,329.27. Why is my bill £10,548.79?

"I work in the building trade owning a contract flooring company, what companies have they got the figures from? I have no balcony and no so-called communal area as I am ground floor so why should I pay for repairs to these?

"There is not a lot of equity in my flat and the rent just about covers the mortgage, so what little I have left will not be given to a council that has forced this bill on myself, if court action or jail for myself is what the future brings, so be it. Before I ever make a payment for this bill, I will be handing the keys over to Wolverhampton Homes."

He added: "They've just not repaired it properly over the years. Now they've decided we haven't got much money so we'll have £10,000 or £12,000 off us. How can it be fair?"

In a letter to Wolverhampton Homes, he wrote: "You could do the right thing and buy my flat off me at market rate and swallow the repair cost as it will not add £10,548.79 to the value of my flat.

"I am hoping you will stand up, look me in the face and take the keys from me personally and not be the spineless leeches that you usually are and hide behind your phones and computers."

Jean Smith, 88, who lives in the block in a flat she owns, has been hit with a £12,000 bill. Her son Alan said: "My mother is 88. This has been going on for quite a while. She owns her own flat. She's already had one heart bypass and she's not in the greatest of health. How is she going to pay a bill like that? She's paid everything the council have asked for repairs before. You shouldn't have to pay again when you've already pay your money."

A Wolverhampton Homes spokesman said: "We are about to start a huge works project at Merridale Court carrying out major external refurbishments.

"We asked an independent property tribunal to ensure that the works and the associated costs are both fair and reasonable. Merridale Court residents and Wolverhampton Homes officers attended the five-day tribunal.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who took an active interest in what is going on. It was acknowledged that due to the

Protest over repair bills for flats in Merridale Court after tribunal ruling

Gardener, 28, who lied on website must fork out cash

A GARDENER who lied about being a member of an approved traders' scheme has been ordered to carry out unpaid work and pay out more than £2,500.

Danny Riley, trading as Bill and Ben The Garden Men, The Landscape Garden Company, The Landscape Men Limited and Outdoor Landscape Services Limited, claimed to be part of a landscaping and paving approved contractors' scheme when he wasn't a member.

The court heard how Riley, of Redhill Avenue, Wombourne, carried out work for a Stourbridge resident who was left dissatisfied and complained to trading standards.

Website

Officers also discovered he was making the false claim on his website as well as further false claim of membership of another approved contractors' scheme.

The 28-year-old pleaded guilty to three offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations at Dudley Magistrates Court.

Riley was sentenced to a 12-month community order, ordered to carry out 220 hours of unpaid work and to repay the customer £2,500 and costs to Dudley Council of £1,048.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member responsible for trading standards, said: "People must be able to make informed decisions about which contractor to use based on honest and accurate details being provided, which is why misleading customers in this way is a criminal offence."

Students to tour with singing star

FOUR musical theatre degree students were chosen to be part of a choir touring with international recording star Josh Groban.

The American singer-songwriter's first four solo albums went multi-platinum and he has sold more than 25 million worldwide. The UK tour was based on his seventh studio album, Stages, which was released in April, a collection of musical theatre songs.

Wolverhampton University second year students Joshua Barden and Roslyn Lloyd and third year students Adam Riglar and Amy Evans auditioned to appear alongside the star on the tour.

Sarah Browne, Principal Lecturer and Head of Music at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "This was the opportunity of a lifetime for our students."

Pupils tuck into colours of rainbow

PUPILS in Wolverhampton are being challenged to eat the colours of the rainbow during Healthy Eating Week. The council's catering service is laying on a special menu in primary, infant and junior schools with pupils encouraged to try different coloured fruit and vegetables.

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Tata Steel workers to to have say on pensions

BRITISH steel workers who have pensions with the likes of Tata Steel are being urged to make their voices heard in a public consultation on the future of their pension contributions.

Letters from the British Steel Pension Scheme are currently arriving at the homes of the 130,000 scheme members across the country, including people in Wolverhampton, Dudley, and Wednesbury.

Following Tata Steel's recent announcement about restructuring their UK portfolio, it looks increasingly likely that the British Steel Pension Scheme would be required to go into the Pension Protection Fund.

Reduce

By going into the fund, members may be entitled to compensation following the insolvency of the employer.

However, although the Pension Protection Fund provides a safety net for pension schemes generally, entry would significantly reduce future pension increases for all members of the British Steel Pension Scheme and, for 58,000 people under the age of 65, result in cuts in pensions of at least 10 per cent.

Allan Johnston, chairman of the board of trustees of the British Steel Pension Scheme, said: "I have written to scheme members setting out why the Trustee believes it is better and fairer to use the scheme's assets to provide modified benefits under the scheme than to hand the assets over to the Pension Protection Fund."

Make footie stroll a goal for fitness

RESIDENTS are being urged to lace up their football boots and have a go at walking football thanks to new sessions in Wolverhampton.

Walking football is aimed at older people who want to continue playing, but feel they cannot play traditional football.

The free sessions take place at WV Active Bilston-Bert Williams, Nettlefolds Way, Bilston, on Mondays from 4-5pm and the City of Wolverhampton College's Wellington Road, Bilston, campus on Mondays from 6-7pm.

They have been organised by Black Country in Motion, a Sport England project challenging the barriers that people have to participating in sport and physical activity. Men and women of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Former post office to be dessert shop

A FORMER post office in Wolverhampton may be given a new lease of life as a dessert shop. An application has gone to Wolverhampton council to transform the old Wood End Post Office on Lower Prestwood Road.

Officer lied about checks before death

Sharmila Ullah

A MOTHER-OF-FOUR from Wolverhampton who died after being found collapsed in a police cell had not been checked on properly by a detention officer.

Sharmila Ullah, of Fourth Avenue, was taken into police custody in July 2014 after being arrested for shoplifting. She was admitted to Walsall Manor Hospital from Bloxwich Police Station after suffering abdominal pain and vomiting.

The 30-year-old, known as Millie, was returned to her cell the following morning where a doctor certified her as fit to be detained. But shortly after 11.50am on July 10 she was found unresponsive and pronounced dead at hospital less than an hour later.

It has now emerged a detention officer had made simultaneous entries on the police system stating he had visited Ms Ullah and other suspects being held in the cells when he had not. The officer has instead checked on the detainees via CCTV.

The officer has since been dismissed by West Midlands Police for gross misconduct. The force has also vowed to ensure steps are being taken to prevent misreporting in the future. The findings come as the Independent Police Complaints Commission, which investigated the case, identified police failings and has now published its full report on the death. IPCC Commissioner Derrick Campbell said: "Our thoughts are with Ms Ullah's family at this sad time for them. We carried out a thorough investigation as is right when someone dies in such circumstances. "

Last year Ms Ullah's family declared they were 'disappointed' following the outcome of an inquest which concluded police failings did not contribute to her death.

In delivering his verdict Senior Coroner Zafar Siddique said her sudden death was down to long-standing alcohol misuse and alcohol withdrawal.

Author: I'm certain that ex-MP was a Soviet spy

AN espionage expert has said there is 'no doubt' that the former Wolverhampton MP Bob Edwards was a 'fully-paid-up member of the KGB'.

As revealed last week, Mr Edwards, the former MP for Wolverhampton South East, was outed as a Soviet spy by a new book entitled the Black Door.

Veteran Labour MPs leaped to his defence, including David Winnick who said it would be 'most unlikely', and Ken Purchase who branded the claims 'utter nonsense'. Mr Purchase added Mr Edwards always 'flatly denied' secret Soviet ties when they had discussed the claims.

But Richard Aldrich, the co-author of the book, said he is in 'no doubt' that Mr Edwards was a Soviet spy. He points to secret Russian papers as well as books that Mr Edwards helped to write against the CIA as proof that his claim istrue.

Ability

He said: "Bob was well known in European circles which meant he had the ability to pick up secret information without great difficulty.

"He was part of a wave of people in the early 1960s who started to write about the CIA using Soviet material. It was part of a movement that got more and more extreme and eventually culminated in the JFK assassination theory. It makes sense that he was paid by the KGB to write what he did [an exposé of CIA chief Allen Dulles].

"I have been to look at his records in the Labour archives in Manchester but alas there was no smoking gun."

Despite finding no evidence in Mr Edwards' Labour records, Mr Aldrich explained why he was '101 per cent sure' that Mr Edwards was a Soviet spy. It is based around his CIA writing and the infamous leak by former KGB spy Vasiliy Mitrokhin, more commonly known as the Mitrokhin Archive, in which Mr Edwards was named.

Mr Aldrich said: "I thought the Mitrokhin Archive was enough evidence to prove without any doubt that Bob Edwards was a spy. If not, you only have to look at what he was writing and doing.

"Sometimes people just get caught having coffee with the wrong person without realising. But not in this case, Bob Edwards was a fully-paid-up KGB agent."Asked if he was standing by his claims despite rebuttals from those close to the late MP, including current Walsall MP David Winnick who raised questions over how Mr Edwards' Trotsykist views would sit with working with the Stalinist KGB, Mr Aldrich added: "There is no doubt, I am 101 per cent sure that Bob Edwards was a spy."

Claims about Mr Edwards' links to the KGB first emerged in 2009 in a book called The Defence of the Realm, an official history of M15 written by Professor Christopher Andrew. The publication also alleged that former Walsall MP John Stonehouse was spying for the Czech secret police.

Mr Edwards was born in 1905 in Liverpool becoming the city's youngest councillor aged 22 in 1927.

He met Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin while leading an Independent Labour Party youth delegation to the Soviet Union. He was elected to represent Bilston as MP in 1955. When the constituency was abolished in 1974, he won the of Wolverhampton South East seat.

Ex-Wolverhampton MP Bob Edwards 'was KGB agent' claims book

Nonsense – ex-MP Ken Purchase

Most unlikely – MP David Winnick

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sky's the limit for speed and power

THIS Sunday marks the return of one of the region's most popular events, the annual RAF Cosford Air Show.

With no tickets being sold on the day and tighter restrictions on people viewing the action from outside the show arena, organisers are anticipating another sell-out success at the airbase near Albrighton.

The attractions planned for this year's show are bigger and better than ever, with more aircraft on display and more interactive exhibitions

Highlights to watch out for include the RAF Red Arrows.

Rotary aid for sight-loss charity

A SIGHT-LOSS charity has received a cash boost from a local rotary club.

Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club raised £500 in aid of the Beacon Centre which supports those with sight problems.

The cash was raised at events including concerts and at Christmas collections.

Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club president Ken Thomas said: "We are very pleased to be able to donate this cash to the Beacon Centre which does fantastic work with those living with sight loss in our community."

Ex-Wolves star in charity boat race

EX England and Wolves star Geoff Thomas will be competing in Birmingham's annual dragonboat race in aid of charity.

The event, now in its 17th year, raised £65,000 for Cure Leukaemia in 2015 with a record of £70,000 hoped to be beaten this time round.

Geoff will take part in a race at The Water's Edge, Brindleyplace on Sunday, in a 'boat of dads' in honour of Fathers Day. There will also be a host of family-friendly activities.

Ex-city uni student Inez wins law prize

A FORMER University of Wolverhampton law student, Inez Brown, has scooped the Partner of the Year accolade in the Birmingham Law Society Legal Awards.

Inez, from Handsworth Wood, studied part-time for her law qualifications at the university, and is now a partner with Medical Accident Group, the clinical negligence specialists.

She received her award at the prestigious awards ceremony attended by more than 500 people.

Festival hits town

THE Brownhills Canalside Festival will be held later this month on Sunday, June 26 between 10am until 4pm. The town's canoe centre will be open alongside members of Brownhills Community Association. The Lichfield and Hatherton Restoration Trust will have a presence at the fes-

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

WEIRDEST sight so far, in an isolated corner of a parish cemetery in Devon, was a pile of rubble topped with half a human skull. Grave robbing? Black-magic rituals? The only explanations that don't make the flesh creep are landslip and badgers.

"IT is morally vital that there is no increase in the number of animals that suffer at human hands," opined one radio pundit in a debate on growing human transplant organs in pigs. In other words, if we use one pig for spare parts, we must ensure another pig is not slaughtered for pies. Careers for the 21st century: ethical pig counter.

RESEARCH by Radio 2 suggested the Queen loves to sing and is word-perfect with the songs of George Formby. Now I am unable to get rid of the mental image of Her Majesty as a young mother, soaping her children on bath night while adopting a daft Lancashire accent and belting out: "When I'm cleaning Windsors."

OUR changing language. A reader reports that his manager regularly issues memos with the instruction: "Cascade this down to all colleagues." I am delighted to maelstrom this tit-bit to my readers.

GREAT philosophers of our time. "Life itself is pretty amazing. The fact that it just changes all the time – that kind of amazes me." Sir Paul McCartney, interviewed in the Mail on Sunday.

I SAW Muhammad Ali in the 1980s when he visited Birmingham. Even then, before his Parkinson's was diagnosed, he was a slow, shambling echo of the beautiful boxer who once floated like a butterfly – a victim, possibly, of too many punches. I never expected him to live so long. In contrast, Henry Cooper, whom I interviewed in his 70s, miraculously avoided brain damage and remained a great raconteur and an imposing figure almost to the end. What especially impressed me about Cooper was that he knew I understood virtually nothing about boxing and pitched his chat accordingly with great charm, as though we were lifelong friends. A gentleman.

ANOTHER of your suggestions for a term to describe those days when it's colder in the house than it is outside. A reader suggests it's a baked Alaska day.

SLOBBY Britain. A reader stopping overnight at a hotel near London was depressed rather than surprised to find a mother and her offspring queuing among other guests at the breakfast buffet, still wearing pyjamas. Any similar sightings?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Woman admits murder of Glyn

A WOMAN has admitted the murder of a 56-year-old man found stabbed to death at an address in the Black country.

Glyn Evans was at a property in Walsall Road, Willenhall, on December 23 after a stab wound to the kidney severed an artery.

Stella Downing, 37, and of no fixed address, pleaded guilty when she appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Martin Stokes, aged 49, of St Giles Road, Willenhall, admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice. Both defendants were remanded in custody until June 29 when they are expected to be sentenced after details of the case have been outlined to the court.

Mr Evans was believed to have been squatting at the Walsall Road property when he was found dead.

He had been described through a statement released by the police as a 'family man' and 'much-loved brother.'

Willenhall South Councillor Carl Creaney said after the murder: "It's a tragedy. I've known him for well over 20 odd years. What's happened to him shouldn't have happened to him. My heart goes out to his ex-wife and his children. It's dreadful news."

Friend Karl Bond added: "Glynn was a great bloke. He had his troubles like we all do, but his heart was in the right place.

"He would always help others where he could and he will be dearly missed by many. He was never short of friends to help him out in his times of need. I personally gave him a roof a few times and bags of clothes and money when he was hungry."

Patients wait over an hour in ambulances

Report by Rob Cox

PATIENTS waited in ambulances for more than an hour before entering New Cross Hospital almost 50 times in the last year.

And hundreds of others were left waiting more than 30 minutes – twice as long as the government's target.

The national guidelines state patients should be handed over from the care of paramedics to hospital staff in under 15 minutes.

But figures published by Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) show 584 patients were stuck in ambulances for more than half an hour and 46 were there for more than an hour.

Bosses at New Cross Hospital said the number of handovers exceeding 30 minutes amounted to just 1.3 per cent of the total number of arrivals. The figures, which cover the period from April 2015 until March this year, also state one patient was left on a hospital trolley for more than 12 hours at A&E.

Increase

The missed targets have been attributed by the CCG to an increase in patients arriving at A&E through the winter but the figures show at least one handover exceeded 30 minutes in every month of the year.

The CCG's annual report, states: "Although ambulance handover times at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust are better than at many other providers, the rise in emergency cases arriving at hospital during the winter meant handovers did not always take place within 15 minutes, and there were hour-long delays in 46 cases."

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "During times of peak demand the service does encounter delays at hospitals. This can consequently affect how quickly ambulances are able to handover patients to A&E."

Sunny appeal to bloom at hospice

An artist's impression of how the Compton Hospice lawns will look after all the sunflowers are 'planted'

THOUSANDS of sunflowers are to take pride of place on the lawns of Compton Hospice as part of the charity's new fundraising appeal.

The 'Sea of Sunflowers' is due to open to the public and patients from June 20-July 22. Hundreds of the replica flowers, which stand at one metre tall and are made of wrought iron and coloured glass, will be spread across the lawns of the hospice.

Spokeswoman Charlotte Lilley said: "We're pretty confident that there's nothing like it anywhere in the UK, other than the Tower of London commemorative poppies of course. There will be 2,000 in total – with a few hundred placed on the lawn and the others will be sent out to those who have bought them. We've already had a lot of orders, so many people are interested in buying one." The flowers will be on sale to patients and visitors to take home at the end of the display.

Anyone interested in buying a flower should donate £20. A £5 donation enables visitors to sponsor a sunflower for a loved one for the entirety of the display.

"We wanted to give people something beautiful to remember their loved ones by – something unique." Miss Lilley added. "They'll be displayed all along the main lawn and the grounds for patients to look out and see them, like little rays of sunshine."

Anyone who wantsTo make a donation in exchange for one of the flowers visit www.compton-hospice.org.uk or call 0845 2255 497.

Gym raises the bar as it celebrates a top award

A CITY gym has raised the bar after winning a gold Investors in People award.

The Gym Wolverhampton, in Alexandra Street, earned the gong following a comprehensive assessment in May, evaluating the company's commitment to values, effective business planning, strong leadership, and management capability and performance measurement.

The report recognised The Gym as an 'extraordinary company' and a 'great place to work'. It was also praised for making continuous efforts to improve people management as well as taking further strides to reward staff and recognise achievement, for example awarding company shares to all those on the payroll.

Proud

John Treharne, chief executive of The Gym Group, said: "We're extremely proud to have been awarded this top accolade by Investors in People.

"The Gym Group is a company with a low-cost and exciting business model that works for the general public and staff, whether directly employed or self-employed personal trainers. Celebration, reward and recognition continue to play an important part of life within our company and we will continue to invest in our staff.

"We were praised for our well-balanced approach as the business continues to grow and evolve, the focus remains on customer service."

Freight firm may still appeal

A FREIGHT firm has revealed it is still considering an appeal against the controversial decision to veto its plan for a £36 million distribution centre in Essington.

The DX Group statement comes three weeks after a South Staffordshire Council planning meeting, lobbied by hundreds of protesters, ruled the 44-acre green belt plot in Hobnock Road was not suitable for the development.

The company said: "The Board is reviewing its options regarding the proposed new central hub in the West Midlands. These options include an appeal against the decision by the local authority planning hearing to decline DX's planning application, as announced on 18 May."

The firm has bases in Willenhall.

Sewer work delays

DRIVERS face delays while work is carried out to install a new sewer in Wolverhampton. Temporary traffic signals are on Castlecroft Road, at the junction of The Avenue until June 27.

The scheme is in three phases with closures on The Avenue, Piper Road and Bhylls Crescent until October 2.

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New-look rail station moves a step closer

WOLVERHAMPTON'S new-look railway station is a step closer to being a reality after formal plans for the project were submitted.

The Wolverhampton Interchange Partnership, which is behind the £120 million scheme to transform transport connections in the city centre, submitted the proposals to demolish the existing station and replace it with a new one.

Building work will begin next year following the extension and refurbishment of the railway station multi-storey car park, which is expected to be completed by Christmas.

Important

Councillor Peter Bilson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Assets, said: "This is an important step forward in the Interchange project, which is really gathering pace now. The people of Wolverhampton can look forward to a railway station befitting of their city.

"There is £3.7 billion of investment currently on site or in the pipeline across Wolverhampton. "

The new train station will benefit from an enhanced Birmingham New Street-style ticket office, larger passenger concourse, ample ticket barriers to ease flow onto and off platforms, improved retail and café facilities, increased taxi rank provision and a more efficient passenger drop off/pick up arrangement.

The Interchange scheme also includes a Metro line extension, including a new stop at the station.

Models take to the air for show

MODEL aircraft enthusiasts from all over the UK and Europe will take to the skies to demonstrate their flying skills at Weston Park for the International Model Air Show.

The show arrives at the stately home on the Staffordshire border from tomorrow through to Sunday.

It is the place to see top model pilots in action as well as a model boat regatta, slot car racing and a funfair for children.

There will also be a Battle of Britain pyrotechnic display and the Swift Glider display team will perform mid-air acrobatics.

The price for tickets is £12 for adults, £6 for children and a family ticket, for two adults and three children, £28.

Car wash cadets in fundraiser

WOLVERHAMPTON Fire Cadets are holding a car wash at a city supermarket car park. They are at Sainsbury's, Raglan Street on June 25, from 11am-4pm to raise money for the Fire Fighters Charity and cadets funds.

Memorial a celebration of Chelsea's life

Concert – Chelsea Jackson

A MEMORIAL concert is being held for a 20-year-old girl who died earlier this year from a rare blood disease after she was diagnosed with tonsillitis.

Chelsea Jackson died on January 17, only days after she had complained of a sore throat and was given medication to treat tonsillitis.

Tests revealed that Miss Jackson was in fact suffering with the rare, life-threatening condition Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH).

Miss Jackson's friends and family are to hold a special service on July 10 at The Robin 2, Bilston, in celebration of Chelsea's life.

The event was organised by one of Chelsea's best friends, Charlotte Bloxam, aged 20. Miss Bloxam attended the same school as Chelsea, St Thomas More Catholic school, Willenhall, and they attended many live music events together throughout the years.

Miss Bloxam said: "My best memory of Chelsea is when we went to Reading festival together a few years ago and we went to see the Foo Fighters. We just cried solidly for three hours while they were performing, it was so emotional for us.

"That's why I wanted to run the concert for Chelsea, I really think it would be something she would enjoy. She'd love it."

The concert will see performances from rock band Stone Broken, punk group Layover, Almost Easy- who were also friends of Chelsea, indie band Lightning Thieves as well as singers Jodie Louza - who is one of Chelsea's best friends, Caitlan Parker, Jordan and that Guy, and Katie Anne Tej. Advance tickets cost £5.

Local heroes rewarded in Queen's honours list

UNSUNG heroes from across the Black Country and Staffordshire have been rewarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

One deserving winner was Andrew Morris, who has been awarded an MBE for services to special education.

Fifteen years of hard work have seen Mr Morris set up a centre in Blakenhall to help disabled and disadvantaged youngsters.

Youngsters who attend the Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre are given help learning the skills they need to progress.

Mr Morris, 56, has worked closely with Westcroft Sports and Applied Learning College in the formation of the training centre, in Upper Villiers Street.

He said the award was really a team effort and thanked other people who had supported his endeavours.

Contributed

Kingswinford resident Mr Morris said: "I'm humbled and delighted. This was something that was completely unexpected but lovely to have the recognition for all the effort that's been put in.

"But it's one of those things that isn't necessarily just about myself – it's everyone else who has contributed to this as well.

"If it wasn't shared then my vision wouldn't have gone anywhere. It's a fantastic accolade – I'm over the moon."

Scores of local heroes across the region have been recognised in the latest batch of gongs handed out to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

Captain (Rtd) Baden Wilson, of Codsall is described as 'the heartbeat' of the Chindits Old Comrades Association.

The 73-year-old has been secretary general and welfare officer of the club for 25 years, providing 'unstinting and dedicated service' and was awarded a BEM.

Among the other deserving award winners is the widow of a former Birmingham City and England footballer who played a key role in raising awareness of the importance of polio immunisation, following the introduction of a vaccine in 1956.

Dawn Clements, of Kidderminster, will be awarded posthumously following her death last month aged 79.

Uptake of the vaccination was initially slow until Mrs Clements took up the cause following the death of her first husband, Birmingham City player Jeff Hall.

Hospice volunteer Jean Fletcher, 82, of Stourbridge, has been recognised for her services to both nursing care and to the National Trust.

For the past seven years the retired nurse has volunteered at Mary Stevens Hospice where she spends time with relatives, helping them come to terms with their loss.

Graham Tritton has been awarded an MBE for services to the community in Pattingham. Mr Tritton launched an annual charity run in the village in 1993 after running the London Marathon himself, and it has become a highlight of the annual calendar ever since.

Rod Stewart, Dame Vera Lynn and orbiting British astronaut Tim Peake are also among 1,149 people to be acclaimed in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Stewart, 71, received a knighthood for his services to music and charity. In another record for Major Peake, his CMG – Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George – made him the first person to be honoured while in space.

Dame Vera said: "I was very surprised to hear that I was going to be appointed a Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour."

Andrew Morris, who set up a training centre, has been awarded an MBE for services to special education

BEM for Baden Wilson

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abuse charity in call for survivors

A DOMESTIC violence and homeless charity in Wolverhampton is seeking survivors to join its advisory board in the future.

The Haven Wolverhampton is recruiting members for key roles including 10 Advisory Board members who are survivors of domestic abuse. They will have responsibility for representing the voice of survivors in consultation events.

To download a recruitment pack, visit the website which can be found at www.havenre fuge.org.uk/support-us/Volunteering

Wulfrun evacuated as heavens open

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Wulfrun shopping centre was evacuated and roads were closed across the city last week as heavy rain poured down.

Customers and staff were rushed out of the centre as water poured through the roof and the fire alarms went off.

The neighbouring Mander Centre remained open, but water coming through ceilings and puddles on the floor were still visible.

Centre bosses remained tight-lipped on the damage caused but the centre reopened later.

Rehab courses in vice crackdown

KERB crawlers have completed rehabilitation courses in Wolverhampton after being caught as part of a crackdown on street prostitution.

Officers in the All Saints and Ettingshall areas of Wolverhampton have been patrolling the recognised vice area of the city to deter offenders and a review period has recently taken place.

Ettingshall neighbourhood Sg Jon Yeomans, said five men completed the course receiving conditional cautions.

Family fun day to aid sickle cell sufferers

A FAMILY fun day is being held at Bilston to support World Sickle Awareness Day on Sunday.

The event will see a variety of DJs perform at Hickman Park with acts including EyetoEyeBand, Peter Spence, Mr Fix, Miss Aliyah, Soul Therapy, Radikall and Jbeatz.

It will take place from noon-6pm. For more details or to hire a stall, pop into the centre on Wellington Road in Bilston, call 01902 498274 or email admin@sicklecellcare.net

Caring for carers

HAIRDRESSING and beauty students from City of Wolverhampton College are offering free treatments to people who look after a friend or relative as part of Carers Week.

They will give manicures, pedicures, mini facials, massages and hair treatments at the Metro One campus.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Not voting is really not about some being lazy

FORMER Walsall Council leader Mike Bird hit out at the low turnout at last month's local elections, accusing the 70-odd per cent who did not turn out of being idle.

"There is no excuse not to vote, it is just laziness," he said. "These people will then complain at the decisions made by the administrations but I am sorry that is not how it works if you can't be bothered to get off your backside."

Two points. First of all, many of these people are not lazy, just busy. As a self-made businessman Councillor Bird should realise that not everybody works a 37-hour week.

These days many people travel a long way to work, leaving the house before the polling station opens and returning after it shuts. Some might have other things going on in their lives, such as caring for sick or elderly relatives. Under these circumstances, local politics is probably not high on the list of priorities.

But more importantly, true democracy, it is not just about having the right to vote, but also the right to not to. Yes, some people will say you should register your abstention by driving down to the polling station and spoiling your paper, but frankly I grew out of that sort of gesture politics in my 20s.

Maybe some people are lazy. And it is perhaps unfortunate that hard-working local councillors such as Councillor Bird are tainted with the indifference that many feel towards the political leaders at Westminster.

BUT if you do really want to get people to take an interest in your work, and encourage them to participate in democracy, branding them as idle is probably not the best way to go about it.

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IMAGINE you were still sitting on the fence about the EU referendum. You have read all the scare stories, you have heard all the bizarre stats, and sat through hours of boring debates. And after all that, you're still on the fence.

Then, like a pair of ageing rockers announcing the start of their nostalgia tour, Tony Blair and John Major take to the stage urging us to vote Remain. Yep, me too.

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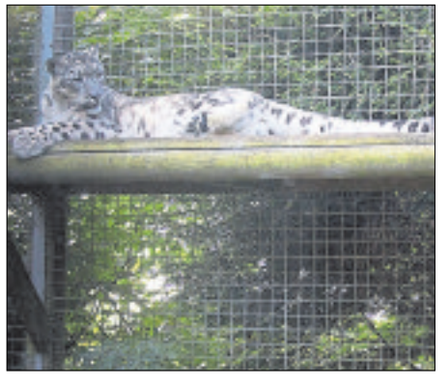
INCIDENTALLY, why all the fuss about the voter registration website crashing just before the deadline for the EU referendum?

It goes without saying that if you urge thousands of people to log onto a website it will crash. They always do.

But unless I have misunderstood the process completely, it is a legal requirement to be correctly listed on the electoral role. If people can't be bothered to comply with the law for the rest of the year, can they really complain if they miss out?

New snow leopard cub Milo will get round-the-clock care



Nanga relaxing in the sunshine on her high deck

Dudley Zoo staff are devastated by the sudden death

Tragic death of zoo snow leopard Nanga

Staff devastated about losing one of the attraction's best-loved creatures, as DAVID COSGROVE reports

SHE wowed visitors to Dudley Zoo for six years with her beauty and grace.

But snow leopard Nanga was sadly unable to survive after giving birth to her third cub, Milo, on Monday.

Staff and visitors have been left saddened by the news, which takes away one of the attraction's best loved creatures. Her cub Milo will now be hand-reared and given round-the-clock care.

Nanga, who turned seven last week, was a particular favourite with big cat keepers and visitors and had lots of adopters.

She came to Dudley Zoo from the Czech Republic in 2010 as part of an international breeding programme, where she was paired with Margaash, who moved to the Black Country from Banham Zoo in Norfolk.

They had their first cub, a girl called Nidara, in July 2013, but she unfortunately passed away at 11 weeks old.

Relationship

Nidara was the first leopard to be born at the attraction since 2001.

Their second cub, Makalu, is now two and is getting ready to move to Darjeeling Zoo in India – the native home for the species – at the end of June. The move is expected to go ahead as planned.

Dudley Council's deputy leader Judy Foster said she was saddened by Nanga's loss and offered her condolences to the zoo and its staff.

She said: "It is really sad to hear the news of her passing, especially after she lost a cub herself in the past.

"All we can do now is hope that the cub that she gave birth to is healthy and survives and her line continues.

"It's so sad because Nanga was very popular with visitors.

Seven year-old Snow Leopard Nanga died from complications due to labour

"We can only wish the zoo our commiserations, particularly to the staff who obviously have a very close relationship with the animals.

"I also want to wish the cub well."

The snow leopard is native to the mountain ranges of Central Asia. They live between 3,000 and 5,500 metres above sea level on rocky mountain slopes.

Snow leopards show several adaptations for living in a cold mountainous environment. Their bodies are stocky, their fur is thick, their ears are small and rounded, all of which help to prevent excess heat loss.

Their paws are wide and this helps distribute their weight when walking on snow.

The feet also have fur on their soles to increase their grip on steep and unstable surfaces, and this also helps to minimise heat loss.

Snow leopards' tails are long and flexible, helping them to maintain their balance in the rocky terrain they inhabit.

Treatment

Nanga had 20 adopters – they're all being offered the chance to swap their adoption for Margaash, the adult male snow leopard, or another animal on the zoo.

Nanga's death follows the loss of another popular zoo star, female giraffe Mia, back in December. The 11-year-old died after sustaining a fractured leg. Zoo director Derek Grove said: "Mia had been receiving regular veterinary treatment for her legs, unfortunately the fracture was inoperable."

Mia moved to the zoo in 2011 from Norfolk and gave birth to her calf, Kito in February 2014. Kito is fully weaned and independent from his mother and remains in the paddock with his dad, Kubwa and auntie, Josie.

Back in May, we revealed how the zoo's trio of snow leopards were being studied for a university investigation.

Staffordshire University student Paige Griffiths, aged 20, was aiming to spend 100 hours observing how Margaash, Nanga and Makalu interact with different enrichment smells added to the enclosure such as cinnamon or sheep bedding scent.

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Bus lane cameras tot up £4m fines in year

BUS lane cameras installed in Wolverhampton have totted up more than £4 million in fines in their first year –more than 17 times initial council forecasts.

An incredible 71,156 penalty charge notices have been issued to motorists who have illegally driven in bus lanes since June last year.

Each one carries with it a £60 fine, which can be reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days. It means the maximum income for Wolverhampton council adds up to £4,269,360.

Even if all 71,156 penalty notices were paid with two weeks, the council would still have brought in more than £2m. To date the council has collected £1,593,424. When the first five cameras were introduced 12 months ago it was predicted fines would total around £250,000 in the first year.

Improve

Despite the millions of pounds yielded by the cameras, council bosses maintain they are not there to make money for the cash-strapped authority. And highways chief councillor Steve Evans reaffirmed all profits would be ploughed back into improving roads and public transport.

He said: "We are not doing this as a money making exercise, although I am absolutely sure the public would think otherwise. Well we couldn't be any clearer - please don't drive in bus lanes.

"They are not there for cars. They are there for buses and taxis to make their way through busy towns. They are also there for emergency vehicles.

"It is absolutely still the plan to spend any extra cash raised by penalties to improve roads and public transport in the city.

"They are not there to make money. I would rather at best we broke-even on the cameras and people were adhering to the law."

The number of penalty notices issued each month has declined rapidly since January.

Royal icing– well of course!

Taking a look at the Queen's birthday-themed cake window display is co-owner Debbie Nutting, at Shuga Budz

WHAT could be more British than a cake display celebrating the Queen's birthday?

This majestic sight, complete of course with plenty of royal icing, is now available to see in all its glory in the window of Shuga Budz cake shop on Bridgnorth Road, Compton.

The mouth-watering display has taken a team of six nearly a month to create. Comprising of five cakes, the centrepiece is in the shape of Queen Elizabeth herself.

Her Majesty is accompanied by an ever faithful corgi, crowns and a Union Jack flag. Those who have already seen the display may be surprised to know that it is actually constructed out of polystyrene, on to which they then apply their icing and piping skills.

Co-owner Amelia Mason said: "We always like to do different displays depending on the season. "We knew the Queen's birthday would be a big celebration, and so we wanted to make another special display to mark it."

Shuga Budz was opened by Debbie Nutting six years ago, who got into cake-making after decorating her son's first birthday cake.

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EU: No-one can predict what will happen

WHETHER you decide to vote to leave or vote to stay in this EU Referendum, no-one can possibly be 100 per cent sure of the outcome.

Listening to David Cameron and the remain campaign, and the BBC, Bank of England, IMF, CBI, all they can talk about is that jobs will be lost, mortgages would rise at £1,000 per year, food prices will go up and so on.

Perhaps he should take the time to look around and see for himself at the people who are already struggling with NHS/doctors' appointments, schools, housing; and now we are having an invasion on our shores of immigrants landing here. Or has Mr Cameron not noticed that either.

The scaremongering from the remain campaign has increased, with Sir John Major putting the boot in, referring to Boris Johnson as the 'court jester'.

Let us all hope that on the June 23 this country will have a fair and honest referendum.

J LEWIS
Pattingham

Why not us for visit to Royal?

I AM a former employee of the Royal Hospital, albeit not on the nursing side.

And I was most interested to read recently of former nurses having the opportunity to visit The Royal Hospital.

Those not on the nursing side, such as admin, clerical, secretarial, technicians, catering, porters, et al, would no doubt have welcomed the opportunity to have also gone to visit The Royal Hospital.

We were all cogs of a huge wheel working in different fields for the greater good of patients.

P A VAN DER VALK
(née Haskew)
Wolverhampton

We must be back in control

A FREE country decides some things for itself. Important things like its taxes, its borders, its justice, laws and welfare if its people.

Can these things be decided if we choose to remain in the EU? More and more of the decisions regarding these things now come from Brussels. Not from Westminster where we have an elected, by the people, a Government and 630 MPs.

But if they aren't making these important decisions they're no more use than a parish council.

Still all is not lost, we may still decide for ourselves on June 23 whether or not to have an independent country or a mere vassal of the Greater European State.

No matter what 'scare stories' are put out by the pro-EU brigade, the EU needs us as a trading partner. The French and the Germans will not suddenly stop trading with us, they need our trade.

We do not need to be told what our laws will be. We must have control of our borders.

M Gough
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Ignore the threats, it's time to take back our borders

WE have the 'inners' and 'outers' of the EU. Never in all my life have I ever heard so much malice, propaganda, lies and innuendoes by the 'in' party, from 'Cam the Sham' Cameron, George Osborne even down to Jeremy Corbyn – a man who right up until he was elected leader of the now unelectable Labour Party – marched and protested about our being in the EU.

We have business people, bank people, you name it everyone with a vested interest, urging us to stay in the EU. Even Richard Branson's put his oar in. I voted in 1975 to leave what was then the Common Market, I could see where we were going. The politicians frightened the people then and they are doing it now.

Boris Johnson stated that they are doing what Hitler tried to do in WWII. He was denounced as a scaremonger and decried by the 'inners'. What he said was the truth. What Hitler tried to do with bombs and bullets, Germany is achieving it with the help of France through pen and paper.

Now I read that Labour shadow education minister describes us oldies as 'the problem'. Pat Glass you are the problem. If someone had said the same about 'old black men' there would be calls for resignations and crawling apologies.

My dad, along with hundreds of thousands, fought to keep this country free. Yes the great might have gone out of Britain – but it is still our country.

Most people in Wolverhampton, 80 per cent, want to leave the EU, there have been some who have voiced their opinion, one person even stated us 'outers' were thick, misguided fools. Whoever it was who wrote that you are the misguided one. Europe cannot afford to abandon us if we leave; we have more from them than they have from us.

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K PARTON
Wolverhampton

Don't you believe it – the EU are not the bad guys

READING the letters published in the Express & Star by those in favour of Brexit one might be forgiven for thinking that the EU are the bad guys and that, by comparison, the UK government are the good guys.

The reality is rather different. For it is the EU and not the UK government that is leading the fight against multinational corporations intent on avoiding paying tax (our government opposes EU demands that there should be full public disclosure of ownership of companies registered in tax havens).

It is the EU and not the UK government that is leading the fight against the deadly scourge of air pollution (our government has consistently tried to delay implementing the radical action needed).

It is the EU, not the UK government, which is trying to introduce anti-dumping laws that would prevent cheap Chinese imports from driving British firms out of business (our government has led the opposition to such measures).

It is the EU and not the UK government that is determined to slash the obscene bonuses that bankers pay themselves (our government has tried to declare such measures illegal).

It is the EU and not the UK government that is leading the fight against casino banking by supporting the so-called Robin Hood tax (which our government has consistently opposed).

Finally, it is the UK government and not the EU which has the final decision on whether Turkey, or anywhere else, can join the EU.

G WILLIAMS
Penn

Get heads out of sand

I DESPAIR at the thought of the people in their 'ivory towers' running this country, who cannot see that desperate people will try anything to get into this country whether it's for a better life or to destroy our way of life.

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Row over sign points to delay for 20 flats

A SCHEME to build 20 apartments at the site of an old Wolverhampton pub beer garden is in limbo after a dispute broke over a traffic sign.

Senior planning officers at Wolverhampton council have recommended approval of the development next to the old Halfway House pub on Tettenhall Road, which closed eight years ago.

Councillors were all set to give the scheme the green light earlier this year on the provision that the Department for Transport installed a mandatory 'turn left' sign on the pavement outside the car park on Paget Road.

Issue

But the DfT refused to get involved until after the plans had been passed. A stand-off has now developed between councillors and senior planning officers. Planning committee's Councillor Mike Hardacre, said: "There is a serious issue over traffic in the roads adjacent to the proposed development.

"The junction between Tettenhall Road and Paget Road is already busy and is used by traffic from four local schools and the college."

Fellow Park ward representative Councillor Claire Darke, said some residents were in favour of the plan but others against. A residents' protest group is bidding to block it over concerns about increased traffic.

Objections sent to the council, include access problems, road safety, insufficient parking, out-of-character design and flooding concerns.

The plan is build 20 two and three-bedroom apartments in a three-storey block, along with 30 car parking spaces. The scheme terms include a £53,400 contribution to be spent on improvements to West Park, and five homes being affordable.

An artist's impression of how the flats would look

£27m bill for West Brom

THE West Brom Building Society faces a £27.5 million bill after losing a long-running court case with a band of property landlords.

The society more than doubled the tracker mortgage interest rate it was charging 6,700 buy-to-let landlords three years ago, but the Court of Appeal ruled it was wrong to do so.

Tracker rates are supposed be tied to the Bank of England's base interest rate, which has remained at its historic low of 0.5 per cent since 2009.

The West Brom said it believed the terms and conditions of the mortgages contained a clause which, under certain circumstances, enabled the lender to change the mortgage interest rate to something more in line with the current market norm.

The society said it was acting in the interests of its savers, who had suffered a dramatic fall in income due to lower interest rates following the credit crunch in 2008.

But, handing down the judgment yesterday, Lord Justice Hamblin ruled that interest rates on tracker mortgages should only rise with Bank of England base rates.

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£200k drug smuggle plot pair are jailed

MEMBERS of a Wolverhampton-based crime gang have been jailed for trying to smuggle cocaine worth £200,000 into the UK from the Caribbean.

Richard Brown, aged 50, of no fixed abode and Jamaican national Dorbon Davis, 52, were both arrested at Gatwick Airport in November after Brown had flown in from St Lucia.

Brown was held by Border Force after officers discovered 2.5 kilos of cocaine in a hidden suitcase compartment.

National Crime Agency investigators arrested Davis as he waited to collect him on the airport concourse.

Footage

He initially denied knowing Brown but CCTV footage showed he had dropped him off at Gatwick on the outward leg of his trip.

Evidence from a SIM card recovered when Davis was arrested proved he had been in contact with Richard Brown and a third man, Alistair Brown, 30, who had driven down to Gatwick with Davis and was also at the airport on the day that Richard Brown's flight arrived.

By Lisa Wright

Alistair Brown of Joan Street, Wolverhampton, was arrested by the NCA at his home in January.

Richard Brown pleaded guilty to importation charges and was sentenced to five years and three months.

Davis and Alistair Brown were found guilty of being concerned in the importation of cocaine following a trial at Croydon Crown Court.

Davis was given seven years and Alistair Brown two years, suspended for two years, plus 240 unpaid work.

Mark Rutterford of the NCA said evidence had linked all three to a plot to important cocaine worth £200,000.

Storage plans for Attwood building

New plans for the Attwood building at Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton been given the go-ahead

A LANDMARK building in Wolverhampton is set to be turned into self-storage units under new plans.

Storage World (Wolverhampton) Ltd to build a self-storage facility with ground floor retail and leisure units under a scheme which would create three full-time and three part-time jobs.

Planning permission has now been granted by Wolverhampton council. Documents submitted to the authority say that the firm is a new local company set up to provide long and short term self-storage.

The owners currently own and manage Hillcrest Business Park in Dudley which includes a large self-storage business similar to that proposed at the Attwood Building.

"The company has identified a gap in the market in Wolverhampton, particularly close to the city centre. The Attwood Building at Raglan Street lends itself to conversion to storage and would provide Storage World with a site that meets their requirements," plans say.

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Expansion pays off as sales soar

DW Windows Ltd has gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months since renovating its new premises in Meadow Lane, Coseley, creating one of the largest showrooms in the Midlands and generating 14 new jobs for local people.

The company's turnover has increased by 30 per cent and is well on target to double in the next couple of years.

Proud

The new state-of-the-art showroom and head office has plenty of space to allow future expansion into new areas and of course enables DW Windows Ltd to showcase many of its market leading products.

The showroom has eight conservatories and orangeries, a couple of porches and dozens of windows and doors on display, allowing customers to see, touch and feel before they invest their hardearned money.

Company director Dave Walters states: "It's been the best business decision I have ever made, opening the new place.

"The response from everyone who visits is overwhelming as the design, planning and creation of Meadow Lane is all my own doing and it really makes me proud when people congratulate me on what I have achieved. The increase in business speaks for itself.

"I am not a businessman, I am a window fitter by trade, from Bilston and have succeeded by doing the best job I can and being as honest and reliable as I can be," Dave adds.

"I try to install this work ethic into all of my staff. I have a great team around me now and I couldn't do this without them. All I ask of my fitters is to do the job better than if they were doing it in their own home and this pays off as six out of 10 of the new jobs we do are for repeat customers or recommendations."

DW Windows Ltd - Brand New 7600 square feet showroom over two floors

Success

Steve Bull, former England and Wolves legend, opened the new showroom in July last year which was a massive success and since then the phone just hasn't stopped ringing.

They are doing 40-50 quotations per week and since the open day have completed almost 500 new installations ranging from orangeries to single windows or doors. January has been the best on record with a 50 per cent increase in business on January 2015.

DW Windows Ltd are now nearing the end of their first 10 years of trading and are looking forward to the next 10 years.

Church vandalised in 'senseless rampage'

VANDALS have gone on a 'senseless' rampage at a church, leaving shattered glass in the aisles and doors hanging off their hinges.

Yobs broke into St Edmund Gennings Church on Forest Gate, New Invention, through a back door.

Once inside, they ripped up the disused church room by room in an attack branded disgusting by people living nearby.

They ransacked the office and kitchen rooms, leaving paper work, fire extinguishers, furniture and rubbish scattered across the floor, and the aisles were left littered with glass and toilet paper.

Windows on the outside of the building were also smashed.

Councillor Ian Shires, who represents Willenhall, said: "I am very concerned about this, it paints a bad picture on so many levels. The church is in a prominent section of

The scene after vandals broke into St Edmund Gennings Church, Willenhall

Wreckage is strewn through the office area

Disgusted

New Invention, so it doesn't look good to passers by when they see this from the outside.

"When you go inside, however, it is so much worse. This is an absolutely senseless crime and I am disgusted someone has carried it out.

"They have totally destroyed the inside of this small community church. It brings to mind the question: Is nothing sacred? I would urge anyone who knows anything about what happened to tell the police."

Nearby resident Jay McCabe said he regularly sees a gang of up to five youths loitering around the building.

He said: "They are there every night. Every night.

"One day going back a couple of years, I can't remember when, some kids were out there and my girlfriend said one of them has launched something at our door.

Asked what he thought could stop the anti-social behaviour Mr McCabe said: "More police patrolling. But they act like they haven't got a care in the world. Every day there's someone out there, or banging. Every day."

It is unclear when the latest damage was done and police said they were last called to the building on May 19 at 7pm to reports of 'eight children, aged about 13, loitering'.

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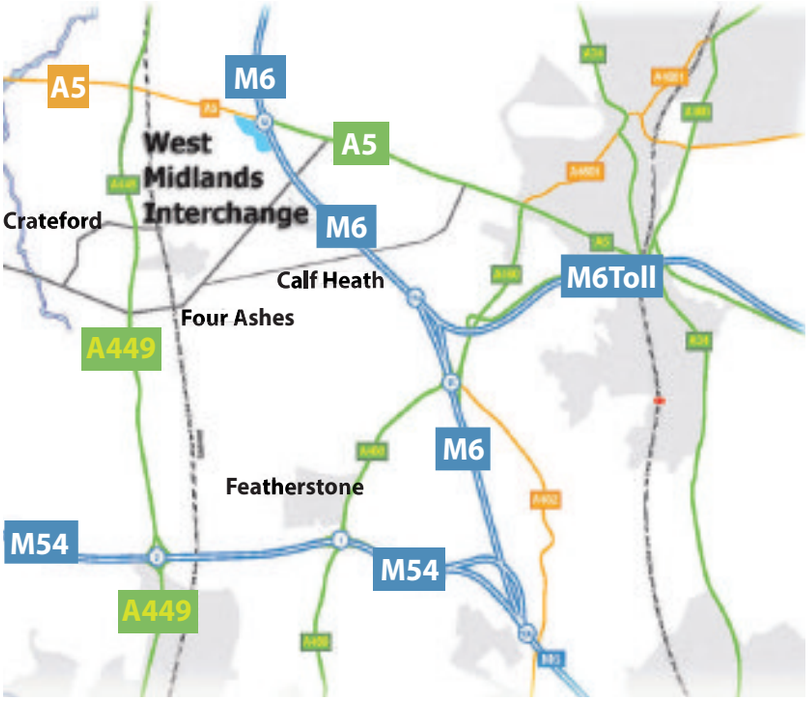

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"As a rider and horse-owner for many years I know how difficult it can sometimes be to find the right saddle or bridle, riding hat, clothing and even horse feed at affordable prices," said Tina.

"We are competing with some large, national suppliers but we are different in that we can offer a personalised service for all our customers."

Mystery over the death of woman found in a ditch

MYSTERY surrounds the death of a woman from Wolverhampton whose body was found in a ditch at a Welsh beauty spot after she had bought a one-way train ticket then walked four miles.

Sarah Ann Jones, aged 44, a laboratory assistant of Merstone Close, Bilston, died from the cold last December, an inquest at Llangefni in Anglesey was told.

A couple spotted her body beside a cycle track on the Mawddach Trail.

Pathologist Dr Mark Lord told coroner Dewi Pritchard Jones that tablets she had taken including Paracetamol, and alcohol, although not a great amount, would have made her drowsy and she could then have fallen asleep.

"It's my opinion that this woman died as a result of exposure rather than the effects of drugs. Alcohol and drugs made her drowsy but the cold would have killed her.

"It would mean she would not feel the cold or be aware of the danger she was in."

Isolated

Miss Jones had caught a one-way rail ticket from Wolverhampton, travelling alone and getting off at the isolated Morfa Mawddach halt, then must have walked four miles.

The coroner said if she wished to end her life it was puzzling why she should walk four miles to do so. Recording an open conclusion he said that suicide had not been established in law. "Unfortunately it must remain a mystery," he added.

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A thoughtful Oscar Rejlander and wife Mary (nee Bull)

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An unidentified Young Woman by Oscar Rejlander

Victorian art photography in frame

MEMORY LANE

By Jessica Labhart

PICTURES taken by the Victorian 'father of art photography' who first set up his business in Wolverhampton are to go on display in a major gallery in London.

Oscar Gustav Rejlander set up as a portraitist in Wolverhampton in the 1850s, where he had his own studio and dark room.

He experimented with photography, combining multiple negatives to create stunning artistic compositions as well as erotic works.

Now, the National Portrait Gallery in London is to exhibit an important album of Rejlander's work after raising a staggering amount of £74,651 needed to purchase it.

The Rejlander album will go on display in the Gallery in October.

Last year, it was bought at auction by a Canadian buyer, but the UK government placed an export bar on the album, preventing it from leaving these shores. It had previously been in the same family for 140 years.

The album contains an unseen Rejlander self-portrait and another of the photographer tugging thoughtfully on his beard as his wife, Mary, rests her head on his shoulder.

There are also photographs of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's son Lionel Tennyson and the poet and essayist Sir Henry Taylor.

Rejlander was born in Sweden and trained in Rome before moving to Wolverhampton at around 1846, opening his studio.

Around 16 years later he moved to London where he opened a new studio and established himself as one of Britain's leading photographers.

His work included portraits, nudes, landscapes and anatomical studies. He is known to have influenced movers and shakers in the photographic world, including Lewis Carroll (otherwise known as Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) and Julia Margaret Cameron.

Delighted

He also collaborated with Charles Darwin, who asked Rejlander to illustrate his book, The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals.

Dr Nicholas Cullinan, Director, National Portrait Gallery, London says: "We are delighted to welcome this album into the Gallery's Collection, not least because it will provide access to important examples of portraiture from the history of photography.

"We also hope it will enable visitors to engage with Victorian photography in a new way and make comparisons with later developments."

The album had been owned by Surgeon Commander Herbert Ackland Browning and passed through his family.

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Software firm takes a pew at spectacular new home

A CITY business has preserved many of the Victorian features of a Wolverhampton church which has become its new home.

Technology Management has spent £1.75 million in buying and refurbishing and restoring St Mark's Church in Chapel Ash.

The business solutions software firm has just moved its staff from its former home at The Old Rectory in Waterloo Road to the church, which dates from 1844.

Original

It has installed the latest 21st Century technology, but managing director James Crowter said high importance had been put on preserving features like the font and stained glass.

On the top floor the original wooden beams provide a spectacular feature and stone archways have been adapted to become hi-tech meeting rooms.

St Mark's, once the church of Wolves and England football legend The Rev Kenneth Hunt. had been unoccupied for two years since financial advice firm Torquil Clark moved out.

Mr Crowter said that the business, which was founded in Tettenhall in 1992 with three people, has run out of space at its previous home.

The 94-strong Technology Management team now has room to grow and Mr Crowter said it was still recruiting and expected to top 100 employees in the next few weeks.

An open day was held recently to show off the new premises.

James Crowter, Liam Walton, Alison Crowter, Liz Delaney, Matt Woodhouse

The original wooden beams provide a spectacular feature

"We are delighted to finally move in and what a building St Mark's Church is. It's an exciting time for Technology Management and we are fortunate to have not just our dedicated team but also customers, some of which have been with us since the start 25 years ago, to share this day and support the firm through our next phase of growth," said Mr Crowter.

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Dangerous dogs bill for kennels is soaring

WEST Midlands Police spent more than £600,000 in just 12 months on kennel fees to house dangerous dogs seized off the streets.

Despite the number of dogs being sent to kennels going down, new legislation brought in by the Government meant the costs to the force have risen. Police chiefs have labelled the hike 'outrageous' and have urged a rethink.

By David Cosgrove

From May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 the force seized 235 dangerous dogs – compared to 311 in the same period in 2014/15. However, the cost of kennelling the dangerous animals spiralled from £462,000 in 2014/15 to £620,000 in 2015/16.

The region's Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "It's truly outrageous that we've spent nearly two-thirds of a million on the kennelling of dangerous dogs. We've had legislation imposed on us which has increased the pressures on our budget.

"I welcomed this change as it helps to remove animals that may pose a risk to children and vulnerable people from our streets. However, the new legislation is putting further weight on stretched police budgets as more dogs need kennelling whilst investigations are carried out.

"The Government need to consider these additional costs and the impact they have on local policing."

A report to a Strategic Policing and Crime Board stated: "The costs have continued to rise. This is due to the fact that many of these seizures are for 'dangerous dogs' and therefore the investigations and time within the criminal justice system are increasing.

"This means dogs are remaining in kennels for longer periods hence the higher cost.

"The Operations Dog Unit is working with local policing units to provide support and guidance."

Truck Taylor-made for top employee Katie

Employee of the Year Katie Taylor and the truck named in her honour at APC Overnight

A PARCEL firm worker has named employee of the year has taken delivery of her prize – a truck named in her honour.

Katie Taylor, of Perton, took the honour at the APC Overnight All Depot Meeting annual awards for her influential role as acting day operations manager – part of the day operations team at the company's national sortation centre at Kingswood Lakeside, Cannock.

She beat other nominees who had been named employee of month over the last year. A spokesman said her diligence, particularly while managing high numbers of warehouse employees during APC Overnight's busy Christmas period, showed her to be a dedicated employee worthy of recognition.

To mark her achievement the courier company has named one of its 44 tonne articulated lorries after her.

The vehicle, Katie Victoria, is already out on the road and delivering important parcels to APC Overnight's 115 depots nationwide. Katie said: "I really didn't expect to win the award so I am over the moon."

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Smiles reign at Queen's birthday celebrations

CAKE, smiles and roof-raising renditions of the national anthem – there really was no better way to celebrate the Queen's birthday at the weekend.

Thousands in the Black Country and Staffordshire turned out to tens of events across the regions to celebrate the Monarch's milestone.

This was on top of the weekend-long events down in London which saw flyovers by the RAF, a flotilla of some 50 boats on the River Thames and a special picnic for all the organisations that Queen Elizabeth II is a patron of.

Walking round some of the street parties in the Black Country, it was clear that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had captured the hearts of many in the region.

Flying the flag at Low hill Community Centre for the birthday celebrations

Pupils at Woodthorne Primary School dressed in red, white and blue

Traditional

Many of the parties used the occasion to not only celebrate the Queen's life and reign, but also that of the community they live in.

In Wolverhampton, an event was held at Long Knowle Community Centre. Dancers with Linzi G's School of Dance performed eight songs.

One of those in attendance, dressed head to toe in Union Jack clothing, was royalist Margaret Dudfield. She said about Queen Elizabeth II: "She always has a smile on her face, always."

More than 400 children at Woodthorne Primary School, Tettenhall celebrated by holding a traditional street party in the grounds of the school.

The children dressed in red, white and blue, sang the national anthem and took part in activities such as making bunting.

At St Matthew's Close in Walsall the church, led by Reverend Jim Trood, had invited local schoolchildren to come in and perform songs and dances for the community, while there was also the chance to meet the local police officers and firemen. A tea party was held in the church's tea rooms.

Highacres in Kingswinford followed suit with St Matthew's and used their event to celebrate both the community and the Queen's birthday.

Organised by the Highacres Community Association, the day featured animals, a football shootout and plenty of stalls among others. The event also saw hundreds of balloons released in honour of the Queen.

One of many Queen's party events in Staffordshire was held at the community centre on Bevan Lee Road in Cannock.

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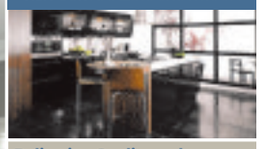

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Artwork to honour Queen's 90th

The artwork features the Queen holding a 90th balloon with a corgi at her side

A PIECE of artwork celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday will be on show at the Castle Gallery in Victoria Street,Wolverhampton this week.

British artist Nic Joly, who specialises in creating miniature wall sculptures, has produced a new piece in honour of the monarch. Named Britain's Got Talent, the hand-signed wall sculpture is being produced in an edition size of 90, in a nod to the Queen's age. It features the royal holding a 90th balloon underneath a string of miniature bunting with a corgi at her side.

The figures are created by hand without a magnifying glass before being cast in bronze and painted.

Be 'eyes and ears'on abuse

RESIDENTS in Wolverhampton are being encouraged to be the eyes and ears of police in helping to tackle child sexual exploitation.

The lighter summer nights are encouraging more people out in the evenings and residents are being asked to help the police and the council by reporting any concerns they have about the safety and wellbeing of young person.

The authorities across the West Midlands, including Wolverhampton, are working together to raise awareness of CSE and have developed a website at www.seeme-hearme.org.uk.

It provides a one-stop shop for information about CSE and how to spot the warning signs, and there is also help and advice for young people, parents and carers, professionals and schools.

Councillor Val Gibson, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Thanks to the lighter evenings, more of us are out and about later at night.

"We are reminding people to make themselves aware of the signs of CSE and what they should do if they have any concerns."

Preventing CSE is everyone's responsibility and we all need to increase our awareness of it.

"I would urge people to visit our campaign website www.seeme-hearme.org.uk to find out more and see what they can do to help protect our children and young people."

People should call police on 101, speak in confidence to Barnardo's on 0121 3595333 or in emergency call 999.

Drug dealer took cocaine to a probation meeting

A DRUG dealer caught carrying cocaine and heroin in to a probation meeting was sent to prison for more than four years.

Umar Ismail, who had been released from a 42-month prison sentence early in April 2014 after being charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin, was brought before Wolverhampton Crown Court on the same charges again.

Ismail, 32, from Farndale Avenue, Wolverhampton, had been attending a probation meeting required of him as part of his early release, with a wrap of cocaine in his pocket, when police searched him.

A subsequent search of the room he lived in at his parents house found he had £3,500 worth of drugs stored and ready to sell.

Prosecuting, Paul Spratt, said: "Police officers searched Ismail as he made his way into a probation meeting, as part of his requirements agreed by the court.

Shock

"They found a single wrap of cocaine on him and a single wrap of heroin. Both were the sort of size that might be sold on the streets. This prompted a search to be carried out at Ismail's home.

"What was found their pointed to this man obviously being a street dealer."

Police found 21 grams of cocaine, 62 wraps of crack cocaine and 15 grams of heroin, as well as £340 in cash, in Ismail's room.

Defence solicitor Duncan Craig said that the dealer had 'fell in with the wrong crowd' before his previous sentence and had done so again after his release.

He said: "This is something that has come as a shock to my clients family. He comes from a good background, he has family in the law and medical trades and he has the full support of his mother and father.

Ismail was sentenced to a total of 56 months in prison.

Putting Paddy in picture

Paddy McGuiness in front of one of Goldie's pieces of graffiti artwork

COMEDIAN Paddy McGuiness and Black Country DJ and celebrity Goldie were getting fans revved up when they were filming for a new car show.

The Take Me Out host is presenting the show on the Travel Channel, and it will feature him driving celebrities to places that mean something to them and driving and talking about cars they have previously owned. It will be called Stars In Their Cars.

The pair were seen on in a white Range Rover Sport in Walsall and a slightly more modest silver Nissan Sunny in Wolverhampton.

They also checked out several pieces of Goldie's impressive graffiti art. McGuinness is fresh from starring for England in Sunday's Soccer Aid victory against the Rest of the World at Old Trafford.The Bluebrick restaurant in Sun Street, tweeted a picture of staff meeting McGuinness.

Club's £80k new base proves hit with crowds

UP to 100 people turned out to see the opening of the long-awaited new clubhouse at Penn Cricket Club.

The £80,000 building at the club on Mount Road, has been made possible by funding from the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Programme.

In addition, the England Wales Cricket Board (ECB) have paid for the addition of new practice nets, which the club says will provide safe practice facilities for all ages.

With the old clubhouse not large enough to accommodate the club's 80-strong membership, and bigger and better social facilities also required to hold events, the club's committee has been seeking a replacement since 2003.

Outgrown

Finally they saw the much-needed replacement officially opened by the Mayor of Wolverhampton, and to top off a successful and sun-filled day, Penn were victorious over Stourbridge in a T20 match.

One of those who has seen the project through from beginning to end, is player and committee member Simon Bennett, who joined the club in 2001.

He said: "The old clubhouse was a dog-legged, small building, that wasn't very useful for events. Membership had outgrown the building."

Simon highlighted how the new clubhouse is as much a facility for the local community, as it is for the cricketers themselves.

"The new building can take about 100 people, and there is a bigger bar area, which means we can look to hire it out as a venue for events such as weddings and socials.

"It is also wheelchair accessible," he added.

Mayor Barry Findlay with Penn Cricket Club captain Vikul Lal at the opening

Combined authority delay

THE launch of the West Midlands Combined Authority did not go ahead as planned last week due to a challenge in Parliament by a Black Country MP.

The group, made up of Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Solihull, and Coventry councils, will eventually take control of transport, economic development, housing, skills and mental health services across the region with £8 billion of funding over 30 years.

Cannock Chase Council is signed up as a member but without full voting rights. Other non-constituent members include Telford and Wrekin, Redditch, Tamworth, Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The body's agm and official launch was scheduled last week but the formation was delayed after it was challenged by Warley MP John Spellar in the Commons.

A debate in Parliament will be heard this week.

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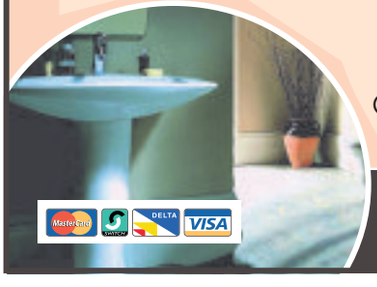
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Musical feel to church flower date

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The 'Magical Musicals' flower festival was held recently at St Benedict's Church.

Contributors went the extra mile to re-create images of their favourite musical shows.

Characters

One stand-out arrangement portrayed one of the characters from award-winning musical, The Lion King.

Another eye-catching arrangement was inspired by Shrek The Musical.

The event is held to raise money for the on-going refurbishment and restoration of the church, with visitors charged £3.

Spitfire in Hall flypast

AN RAF Spitfire will grace the skies during this year's Armed Forces Day event at Himley Hall and Park.

The event will be held at the Himley Hall and Park on Sunday, June 26 to celebrate the work of current and ex-servicemen and women.

There will be an RAF Battle of Britain Flight Memorial Spitfire flypast at around 1.55pm. The event runs from 11am, admission is free and there will be family activities.

FOCUS ON WOMBOURNE AREA

Notorious prisoner Bronson backs appeal for brave Ben

A BOY suffering from a debilitating condition whose fundraising and awareness appeal has gone national has been inundated with kindness, even from Britain's most notorious prisoner.

By Nick Humphreys

Ben Baddeley, who suffers cerebral palsy and had his funding pulled for an operation to help him walk and for after care by government at the 11th hour, turned 12 recently.

Treatment for Ben at Privilege Health Clinic in Compton Road, Wolverhampton, and H20 Physio in Wombourne, as well as travel costs, is leaving the family with a bill of around £2,000 a month.

Bronson

Ben was given a brand new laptop from an anonymous donor who was touched by his cause, and £510 was donated to his fundraising by Charles Bronson after a piece of his artwork was sold.

Ben's story is believed to have struck a nerve with Bronson, 63, who many consider to be Britain's most violent prisoner. The former bare-knuckle boxer, who has convictions for armed robbery, wounding, wounding with intent, criminal damage, grievous bodily harm, false imprisonment, blackmail and threatening to kill, creates and sells artwork and writes. Ben was in the headlines last month when he visited Prime Minister David Cameron at 10 Downing Street, only to be snubbed on arrival after a meeting had been pre-arranged.

The pair had previously exchanged a number of letters, as Ben and his family, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, sought answers as the why his funding was cruelly cut.

He had undergone two years of preparation for the life-changing spinal operation, which was due to take place in February 2014, but his parents received a letter just days before he was set to go under the knife, saying the £24,000 operation would not be paid for.

Ben Baddeley, getting hydrotherapy treatment using an underwater treadmill

MP gets an insight on company

AN MP has paid a visit to a Wombourne-based company to learn more about the work it does.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson visited the Spectrum Brands Distribution Depot off Heath Mill Road.

He met with Jen Cooke, Spectrum's brand and communications manager for UK and Ireland appliances, Tim Wright, the vice president of appliances Europe, and Glyn Woodland, the distribution controller to learn about day-to-day operations at the depot.

He was also given a tour of the facilities to understand more about the business and the future of the site.

Spectrum Brands is a growing global consumer products company which manufactures and markets state-of-the-art home appliances and electronic goods.

Beach fun in park grounds

A BEACH will be created at Himley Hall and Park for its annual under-fives day on June 24, from 10am to 3pm.

There will be a funfair, maze, train rides, mini zoo and donkey rides.Tickets £4 adults and two to five-years-old, £2.50 for under-twos. Family tickets are £14 for two adults and two children.

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Kim and Gary from Sandford Carpets

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Codsall Wood WI

WHAT do the Walsall Leather Museum, Halfpenny Green Vineyard and the Thursford Extravaganza have in common? They will all be visited by members of Codsall Wood WI during the course of the year.

The 2016 resolutions were debated in great depth at the monthly meeting – Denise Moreton will be attending the annual meeting in Brighton.

St Peter's Hall was furnished with a screen and all the necessary equipment for a PowerPoint presentation because Denise had brought her personalised video to show members her visit to 'Buck House' when she received her OBE.

The accompanying narrative explained how and why these honours are given and also instructions to the recipients when presented to the Princess Royal.

The finale to the evening was a lovely bowl of hot soup made by Di Davies and a good chunk of bread, a piece of our 60th birthday cake left over from last month and a welcome cuppa.

Auctioneer puts his stamp on meeting

Auctioneer Mark Hannam was guest speaker

Ladies Luncheon Club

CHAIRMAN Susan Hermsen welcomed 82 members and the speaker Mark Hannam to the meeting at The Lindens, Tettenhall Road, on May 25. She said how pleased she was that there were so many members present. She then said Grace.

The menu was chicken Caesar salad, poached salmon with dill sauce, lemon sponge and sustard, tea or coffee with mints.

She then introduced the speaker whose talk was entitled 'Antiques in Auction'. He is senior valuer and auctioneer for collectables and furniture at Fieldings Auctioneers Ltd.

Bantock House in Wolverhampton is Fieldings' Valuation Centre. The internet has made a big difference to what goes on in salesrooms today.

He said ivory items would eventually become difficult to sell and most of it is Japanese. He used some brochures which showed items for auction. Jewellery, silver and coins are chosen in August ready for the Christmas sales, campaign medals have been found left in cupboards and when auctioned, fetched £40,000.

Pirate relics, guns, swords, fine art and collectables and Asian art are just some of the items which come in to be auctioned. The commission is 15 per cent plus VAT. His talk was very interesting and he invited questions afterwards. Suzanne Morgan gave the vote of thanks.

The next luncheon is on June 29 and members are invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Guild celebrates 57th birthday

Penn TG

THE main meeting was the guild's 57th birthday with poems from members, Irish bingo and refreshments.

The gardening group had a delightful afternoon tea at one a member's home with a quiz on various shrubs in the garden.

Social studies speaker was Judy Hubble talking on Lord Patrick Lichfield and the history of Shugborough. This was an interesting account starting in 1744 when the wealthy Anson family owned Shugborough. The fifth Earl of Lichfield, Patrick Lichfield joined the Grenadier Guards. After leaving the army he became a photographer, married Lady Leonora Grosvenor and they had three children. Patrick Lichfield died in 2005.

On June 22, Jim Wall gives a talk on The Past Beneath our Feet.

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Pink sea at fundraiser

MORE than 1,000 women turned Wolverhampton's West Park pink as they put their best foot forward for the annual Race for Life fundraiser.

Runners and walkers took part in the 5k race to raise money for Cancer Research UK, each with their own personal reasons for doing so.

The slogan 'We will show cancer who's boss' was plastered across the park in support of the women who gave their time and effort for a cause close to the hearts of millions.

Rain had fallen hard earlier on in the evening but the sun shone as motivational music blasted through a speaker system to urge the women taking part past the finish line.

Off they go – started of the Race for Life at the West Park

Celebrated

Pat Cummings, 50, from Fallings Park, completed the run quickest and celebrated with her family.

She said her motto is 'prevent where possible' as she encouraged people to avoid being diagnosed with cancer by living a healthy lifestyle.

She said: "I run to keep fit, it keeps lots of diseases at bay and it will help me live longer so I can see my children and grand-children grow up.

"I have lost friends through cancer and I know people who have recently been diagnosed.

"I used to smoke myself and I just started to worry so much about my health, I thought I would be dead before 40. I have turned myself around and I know so many others are trying to do the same.

"It was great to be here with all of these other women running for things that are important to them."

Money raised through Race for Life allows Cancer Research UK's doctors, nurses and scientists to advance research which is helping to save the lives of men, women and children across the Midlands.

Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK spokesperson for the Midlands, said: "Every day, around 83 people are diagnosed with cancer in the West Midlands.

"Race for Life events are not competitive. They are not about being fit or fast.

"Taking part is about being part of a collective force of powerful women – of all ages – leading the charge against cancer."

Not long after Pat, a group of runners from the Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletics Club passed the finish line.

Michelle Jones, 45, from Tettenhall, ran with Bal Ratna, 43, from Tettenhall, Pally Dhillon, 47 from Codsall and Rebecca Smith, 43, from Tettenhall, who was joined by her 11-year-old daughter Poppy.

Mrs Smith said: "It was great to be in one place with so many women who are passionate about beating cancer.

"Us ladies were running for a friend of ours at our tennis club who has been diagnosed with cancer recently. Poppy was running for her grandad.

"It really hits home when cancer affects someone you love."

Fun rules for entrants at the Race for Life

Pat Cummings, with the Mayor

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Sought-after spoons can cause stir in salesroom

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

By John Ridgway, of Perry & Phillips

I'M often asked about items that have proved to be 'star' sellers in the saleroom and the one lot that readily springs to mind is usually the amazing scrimshaw walking cane that sold for a staggering £46,000.

However, certain other lots do stand out – such as a collection of historic silver spoons, including apostle spoons, which made an even more amazing £50,000 a few years ago.

Collectable spoons continue to attract the bidders and so I thought this week I would take a look at those that will appeal the most.

The spoons I mentioned were extremely rare and dealers from all over the world were bidding for them – so if you do find some lurking in the attic you could make a considerable amount of money!

An apostle spoon, usually made of silver, silver plate and occasionally pewter, features an image on the handle of an apostle or other figure related to Christianity and often the handle image could also be used as a personal seal.

They can date from the early 1400s, represent the Last Supper and were hugely popular in both England and Germany.

They were usually made in sets of 12, with an extra one of Jesus being known as the Master or Saviour spoon and sometimes the 13th spoon featured the Virgin Mary.

The spoons had become ideal presents for god-children by the 1500s, although their popularity was on the wane by the late 17th century.

Famous playwrights such as Francis Beaumont and Ben Jonson refer to apostle spoons within their works, and Shakespeare mentions them in Henry VIII.

It's very uncommon to find one apostle spoon, a series of 12 would be very rare indeed and if you come upon a set of 13, complete with the Master spoon, you will be very lucky indeed!

In terms of 'regular' spoons, the vintage silver ones come in all styles and sizes – from mustard and salt spoons, tea and coffee spoons to pudding, soup and serving spoons, all of which are valued according to the their age and condition.

A set of Georgian table spoons could easily sell for several hundred pounds, whilst a very rare Paul Storr solid silver ladle could make £1,500 or more.

Paul Storr is definitely a name to look out for, a famous 19th century English silversmith he made everything from tableware for royalty to a special silver cup for Lord Nelson – his work is displayed at both Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

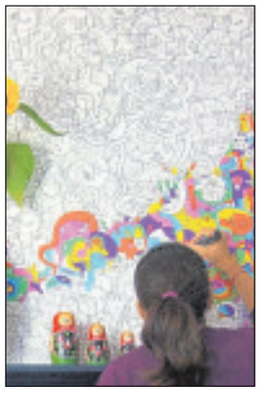
You can buy his spoons today without looking too hard . . . if you have the money.

I recently saw a set of eight Paul Storr silver gilt tea spoons, dated 1835, for sale on the internet for a cool £3,200!

Having said all that, it is of course possible to pick up some very nice vintage spoons at affordable prices . . . but if you find one at the back of a drawer that is hallmarked it might just be an idea to get it valued!

Perry and Phillips holds valuation days, for sale items only, every Wednesday from 10am until 4pm at its Mill Street saleroom in Low Town, Bridgnorth, and auctions of antiques and collectibles are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Trends change but home is still sweet home



Artistic flair on display at home

WHEN I was 15 I was allowed to choose my bedroom decoration for the first time. I chose purple graphic circle wallpaper with matching curtains, lilac walls and purple flowered bedlinen. It was super fashionable and trendy for its time and I loved it. I had no new carpet or furniture because it was just too expensive…..then came MFI and later IKEA, Dunelm and The Range and the price of furniture and household decorations reduced dramatically and suddenly we were able to change our living space in every room and our external environment on a regular basis.

I remember the wallpaper in my grandparents' house, pretty flowered wallpaper that had been there from when they moved in, floral curtains and a floral carpet. It had a historic, lived in feeling of comfort but really nothing matched and new items, if there were ever any, were limited and functional, usually presents or brought by friends from far off lands.

Today the new trends are a yearly process with colour groups suggesting the newest looks for the season. The most noticeable recent style was the bright large flowered

STYLE FOCUS

with Janet Timmis

feature wallpaper which gave us our highlight colour for cushions and ornaments, red and duck egg blue seemingly the most popular. Comfy leather sofas and large corner units……the coffee table was also back.

This year has several very strong styling trends for our homes, the first is nature, delightful birds and flowers, feathers, fauna and flora covering our walls in subtle beautiful natural colours, intricate, delicate botanical designs.

There are also the wallpapers that give a complete location image, a feature wall of a forest scene, countryside location, cityscape, beach or even bespoke art. Incredible artwork with lifestyle theming.

Textural looks with illusional printed brickwork, wooden plank imagery, 3D designs and linen rough cloth, leather and concrete.

Then there is metallic gold, hugely important as a room highlight in sumptuous richly coloured spaces using fur and velvet to complement, even working well in a contemporary white or largely monochrome theme.

The love for colouring books, the newest trend, has also moved into the children's room with wallpaper covered in lined designs ready to colour in your choice of crayon, paint or ink, blackboard backgrounds and magnetic paint noticeboards. How wonderful to be a child actively encouraged to decorate the walls.

With all these delightful new ideas we now also mix and match with vintage and preloved pieces, repainted and given a new lease of life. The choice of paint is amazing, whatever theme you are trying to achieve there will be a medium to produce it.

Lighting is hugely important to give the atmosphere you want in these incredibly artistic rooms and today we consider the various moods we want in our living space and the process is complete.

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Eating late and watching TV will harm your sleep

A favourite toy can reassure children

Jo Frost reading with children at the launch of Bath Book Bed in London

Keep it simple to give youngsters a good sleep

Childcare expert Jo Frost

THE secret to getting a good night's sleep when you're parents of young children is simply: Bath, Book, Bed, TV nanny Jo Frost tells Lisa Salmon

Exhausted parents of babies and young children say they'd pay thousands of pounds to end sleepless nights.

But TV nanny Jo Frost insists they don't need to pay a penny to get a decent night's sleep – just stringently adhere to the routine of bath, book, bed with their child.

Frost is supporting the new BookTrust Bath Book Bed campaign to encourage the fundamental bedtime routine, which will help all the family sleep well, encourage a love of reading, and promote the bond between parent and child.

Frost, who found fame in TV's Supernanny, says: "Sleep deprivation is the most common complaint I hear from parents of young children. Tired parents and tired children is a recipe for disaster.

"But the solution doesn't need to be complicated regimes or expensive gizmos. A routine as simple as bath, book, bed can get young children to settle so everyone can benefit from a good night's sleep."

A survey of a thousand parents with children aged three and under by the reading

Report by Lisa Salmon

charity BookTrust found 78 per cent believe lack of sleep is the hardest part of being a new parent, with many claiming they'd pay more than £10,000 to put an end to sleepless nights.

More than half of parents (60 per cent) say they want guidance on having a consistent and successful routine to get their child to sleep at night, which prompted BookTrust to team up with Frost to launch Bath Book Bed.

Frost, who has been a nanny for more than 20 years, says: "Story time is an integral part of a bedtime routine – it strengthens children's vocabulary and literacy skills, and enables them to foster a love of reading.

"Kids need to feel safe and secure when they sleep, and when you spend quality time reading stories to them, you wind yourself down as well as your children through the love of storytelling.

"It can be tactile too – you play with their hair and rub their back, they turn the pages."

She explains that the safe feeling provided by the routine not only helps children get to sleep, but relaxes them enough to give them a sound night's sleep and helps prevent night waking.

"The routine helps them wind down, and there are fewer interruptions during the night because there's less anxiety as parents have given them their loving time before they go to sleep, and the child feels settled," explains Frost.

Frost advises parents to read to babies as soon as they're born, because the rhythm, tone and repetition helps establish a healthy routine and love for reading straight away.

"Once they've had that from such a young age it becomes an enjoyable part of their life," she says.

"Parents think there's some magic fairy dust that will help kids sleep, and there isn't – what you need is bath, book and bed. Encouraging parents to do it is a big deal."

The research also found that 71 per cent of parents with children aged three and under feel they have a shorter temper when tired and it affects their family life.

Frost says: "You're more irritable because you're exhausted, and you're almost feeling despair. The way to break that is through routine." She stresses that bedtime shouldn't be about TVs and tablets, pointing out: "It's not the same as having the reassurance and safety, security and comfort of their loved ones around them to nurture and look after them. It's my hope that families understand the enormous impact they can make in their children's lives with a few minutes of fun reading each night."

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Organisations

Everything from engineering to football and street art to walking is covered as Wolverhampton's organisations, businesses and attractions come together to invite you to Enjoy Wolverhampton from July 1 to 10.

Many of the events are provided for free or at an incredibly purse-friendly price, so why not take the opportunity to also browse in the city's shops or sample one of Wolverhampton's restaurants, cafes and bars?

For full details of the fun-packed programme of events taking place between July 1 and 10 visit the website at www.enjoywolverhampton.com

Scott Matthews plays Banstock Acoustic Music Festival on July 9

Emma Swindles Band feature at Wolvestock

The Festival of Urban Culture takes place at the Mander Centre

Tune in for wealth of city's musical talent

MUSIC is a big part of Wolverhampton. The City was loved by composer Edward Elgar and was birthplace of soul diva Beverley Knight and One Direction's Liam Payne among others.

Enjoying the sounds of the city is simply a must for fans of any genre.

And now the experience is about to get even better, with more visitors than ever set to come to the city when its entertainment venues are revamped.

The redevelopment of the Civic Halls will bring in even bigger and better shows, with household names and world-class entertainment on the bill.

During the 10-day Enjoy Wolverhampton extravaganza, Wolvestock Country Music Festival kicks off the musical offerings with a huge yee-haw, providing two days of country music – Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3 – at Wolverhampton Racecourse.

The amazing line-up features Henry Smith, Donna Wylde, the Texas Tornados, Emma Swindles Band and many more.

Artists will play from 12pm both days. To book, call 0870 320 7000 or visit www.wolvescivic.co.uk/-/outdoor-events

If you'd rather chill out to some laid-back tunes, why not take in the Banstock Acoustic Music Festival at Bantock House, situated in Finchfield Road?

From 3pm to 10.30pm on Saturday, July 9, headliner Scott Matthews, Terry and Gerry and Alex Ohm – former frontman of The Lines – will take to the stage for this family-friendly festival. Call 0870 320 7000 or visit www.wolvescivic.co.uk/-/outdoor-events to book for £16.86.

And if that wasn't enough to whet your musical appetite, try out the Festival of Urban Culture on the ground floor of the Mander Centre from 12pm onwards on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10.

This free event will see original musicians and dancers taking to the stage for a celebration of urban dance and street art.

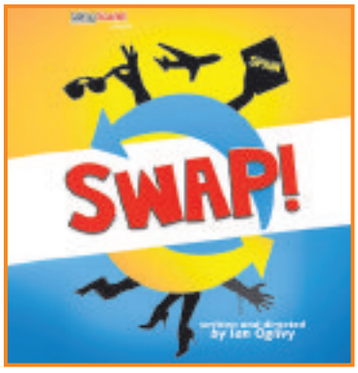
Live street dance performances from top local dance groups and street art created by local artists will feature each day.

For full details of the fun-packed programme of events taking place between July 1 and 10 visit www.enjoywolverhampton.com

What a performance – it's a full calendar for the arts

WITH an historic art gallery, the Grand Theatre set to undergo a refurbishment this summer, an independent cinema and a wealth of creative and talented residents, there's never been a more exciting time to get involved in the arts in Wolverhampton.

Ten days of exciting events kicks off with a performance of a hilarious new comedy directed by Return of the Saint star Ian Ogilvy. SWAP follows the story of a disastrous house-swapping holiday which sees former girlfriends, twin brothers and dead bodies all piling up.



Ian Ogilvy's SWAP is at the Grand Theatre

Have an Absolutely Fabulous time at the Light House

The city has the best collection of pop art outside of London

Matinee

The show runs from June 28 but discounted tickets – £15 each if you quote SWAPVW15 when booking on 01902 429212 or www.grandtheatre.co.uk – are available at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, with a 2.30pm matinee performance on the Saturday.

Work from local and regional artists will be brought together for the free annual Junction Festival of Contemporary Arts at the Asylum Gallery, Clifton Street, on Friday, July 1, from 6pm, venues across Chapel Ash from 12pm on Saturday, July 2, and the Newhampton Arts Centre at Dunkley Street on Sunday, July 3, from 3pm.

With visual and live art, video projections and street art and music, it's an event not to miss.

If comedy films are your thing, then look no further than the Light House Media Centre at The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, which is set to show Doreen: The Movie and Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie from 2pm and 2.15pm respectively on Saturday, July 2 – prebook by calling 01902 716055 or at www.light-house.co.uk or just turn up.

Tickets are priced £4.50 for Doreen or £7.90 (£6.40 concessions and includes a £3 voucher) for Absolutely Fabulous). Prices include a free tea or coffee.

View the best collection of British and American pop art outside of London, featuring the likes of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Peter Blake, at Wolverhampton Art Gallery on Sunday, July 3, from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

If you're a fan of ITVs popular 60s police drama Heartbeat, then watch the cast take to the stage at the Grand from Tuesday to Saturday, July 5 to 9, with discounted £15 tickets for the first night's 7.30pm performance – Quote HB15 when booking on 01902 429212 or www.grandtheatre.co.uk

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SHOPPING can be thirsty work so the M&S café is offering £1 regular hot drinks for anyone quoting 'coffee break' at the till during the ten-day programme, July 1-10.

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Home Insurance providers should be more transparent about the fees they charge, according to research carried out by Age UK Wolverhampton.

Well over four fifths (85 per cent) of West Midlands over 65s who have home insurance believe the insurance industry should be clearer about additional fees and charges.

The findings of the Age UK Wolverhampton research highlights the lack of confidence those in later life feel about the fees and additional charges included in their home insurance policies.

Two thirds (64 per cent) of older home insurance customers in the West Midlands aren't sure, without specifically looking at their policy document, if their provider charges for cancellation.

Two out of three (68 per cent) are unsure if their policy includes a fee for amending details, such as address or adding named drivers, and well over a third (37per cent) don't know if their provider would charge extra for paying monthly instead of annually. This is despite many insurers charging at least one of these fees.

Had they been clearly informed of these fees prior to purchase, over a quarter (28 per cent) of older home insurance customers in the West Midlands would have carried out more research prior to purchase, while one in five (18 per cent) would have taken action to get a better deal.

Switch

John Cross of Age UK Wolverhampton, said: "Home insurance helps to provide protection and peace of mind and people shouldn't be penalised for wanting to switch to a better deal, update their policy details, or choose to pay monthly.

"It's important that all insurance providers are transparent about the fees they charge to make it easier for consumers to make a fair comparison of the whole costs of each product."

Age UK Home Insurance, provided by Ageas Insurance Limited, is designed to meet the needs of those in later life, provide excellent customer service as well as a high quality product, as recognised by Defaqto. It has no upper age limit, includes no hidden admin charges for policy changes and offers a no claims discount option.

For more details visit www.which.co.uk/money/insurance/reviews-ns/home-insurance/home-insurance-add-ons- fees-and-charges/

To talk about your home insurance needs and for information about Age UK Home Insurance, visit Age UK Wolverhampton, Hupton House, 93 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 4EX, or telephone 01902 572060.

Spark an interest for engineering at Bantock House, on July 9

The Wolverhampton University team will showcase their Formula 3 car

Career opportunities in the city of reinvention

BUSINESS is booming in Wolverhampton and this can be seen and felt everywhere throughout the city.

From the £35million refurbishment of the Mander Shopping Centre, to the £1billion investment and safeguarding of around 4,000 jobs over the next four years at i54 South Staffordshire, there's plenty of positives when thinking about your career in the city.

The brand new £10.6million i10 building next to the railway station is now fully let while Marston's Brewery's striking new landmark headquarters at Chapel Ash is adding to the regeneration of the area and underlines their commitment to jobs in Wolverhampton.

Plans to develop Westside – next to the new Sainsbury's supermarket – are gathering pace.

The demolition of the former indoor market and Heantun House is set to begin this summer to make way for new leisure facilities, restaurants, shops, homes and offices – all bringing extra valuable jobs to the city.

Showcasing

If an engineering career is something you've always wanted to know more about – or you just want to see a real-life race car up close – then why not pop along to Queen Square in the city centre from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday, July 6?

The team from Wolverhampton University will be there showcasing their Formula 3 car with the chance to try out a race car simulator and find out all about the courses they have on offer.

That weekend – Saturday, July 9 – there's another opportunity to consider your career choices – or just enjoy yourself – with the Discover Engineering Family Day.

Running from 10am to 4pm at Bantock House, it will feature live experiments, vintage cars and steam engines.

Business and training providers from the city will be on hand to dish out apprenticeships and careers advice.

Visitors can also gather a wealth of information on joining the Armed Forces or visit the displays in the military camp.

For full details of the fun-packed programme of events between July 1 and 10 visit www.enjoywolverhampton.com

Everyone benefits from LPA

THE government recommends that all adults should have a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

An LPA is a legal document which allows you to choose people to make decisions on your behalf if you are ever unable to do so.

There are two types of LPA – Property and Affairs, which allows your chosen people to make decisions regarding your finances and Personal Welfare, which deals with decisions about your welfare.

If you don't have an LPA and you lose capacity your family – including your spouse – would have to apply to the Court of Protection to become deputies on your behalf.

This is a very time consuming and expensive process with ongoing supervision costs, annual bonds, as well as the risk of abuse by deputies you will not have chosen yourself.

An LPA allows you to decide in advance people you trust to step in and take over your affairs should the need ever arise.

For further information please telephone Wolverhampton Age UK on 01902-572060 or Dudley Age UK on 01384 354508 or Guardian Wills on 01384 291527.

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WOLVERHAMPTON has a vibrant and varied heritage and people from across the UK and beyond know about the city, whether they're talking about our famous football team or sipping beer created right in the heart of the area.

Why not celebrate the history of Wolverhampton by taking part in one of the many events happening across the 10 day Enjoy Wolverhampton extravaganza from July 1 to 10?

Cask ale fans are in for a treat as they embark on a free tour of Banks's Brewery with the chance to try three half-pints at the end.

Tours lasting 90 minutes start at 11am and 2pm on Friday, July 1, at the Shop and Visitor Centre on Brewery Road. Call 01902 329653 or email visitorcentre@bankssbrewery.co.uk to book.

Then, just a few days later on Monday, July 4 and Wednesday, July 6, you can step back in time with the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Barry Findlay as he relives the day Queen Victoria visited the city in 1866 to unveil the statue of Prince Albert.

Free sessions last an hour and start at 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm at the Mayoral Suite in the Civic Centre (Visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/mayoral or call 01902 554090 to book).

If the story of the city's arts, crafts and culture is more your thing, why not visit the Upper Mall in the Mander Shopping Centre on Thursday, July 7, between 10am and 4pm?

On display will be a free exhibition taking you on a journey through Wolverhampton's diverse and vibrant history, with original artifacts from Wolverhampton Wanderers, The Civic Hall and Mander Paints.

Legendary

No celebration of the city's heritage would be complete without an event focusing on the Wolves – so on Friday, July 8, fans have the chance to meet legendary former players and have their football memorabilia valued by experts.

This free day runs from 9am to 5pm at the Wolves Museum, Stan Cullis Stand, and includes access to interactive games and a history and cinema zone.

To book, visit www.wolves.co.uk/tickets and select the online sales and museum options.

Select July 8 and at the checkout enter promotional code WWFCM.

For full details of the fun-packed programme of events taking place between July 1 and 10 visit the website at www.enjoywolverhampton.com

Fans of the Wolves have a chance to meet former players at a free event at Molineux on July 8

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Range of experiences for leisure or pleasure

FROM a flutter at the races to butterfly at the swimming pool, there really is a huge range of experiences on offer this July in Wolverhampton.

Firstly, enjoy an unforgettable free afternoon at Wolverhampton Racecourse, Gorsebrook Road, with races every half an hour from 2.25pm to 5.25pm and gates open from 12.30pm on Tuesday, July 5.

Access to the paddocks, trackside, bars, food outlets and betting facilities are all included with the tickets. To book call 01902 390000 or visit www.wolverhampton-racecourse.co.uk and quote VSTWK16 up to 48 hours before the event.

If you've ever fancied yourself as a doodler, here's your chance to try out your skills as Wolverhampton Art Gallery opens its doors from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, July 9, for Doodle Day.

It's free to enter, have a go on the special doodling walls or display your works of art in their doodle gallery, or just £2 for a portrait doodle, £2 for face painting and £1 each for puppets, hats and masks. Three leisure centres across the city are set to offer fitness class demonstrations, arts and crafts activities, swimming pool fun floats sessions and plenty more on Sunday, July 10.

Book

Simply visit www.wvactive.com to find out more about what's going on at WV Active Aldersley, Bilston-Bert Williams and Central and to book your free place.

Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre at Bentley Bridge are currently offering a sixweek fitness membership where you receive all the great benefits of a full membership plus three personal training sessions. Either telephone 01902 384777 or go on-line at www.placesforpeopleleisure.org to find out more

And if the 10 days packed full of events has left you needing a little calm in your life, why not take part in a nature trail at Northycote Farm and Country Park on July 1 to 10 from 9am to 5pm every day, or Bantock House, 9am to 4pm.

If you complete the trail you can enter a free prize draw, meaning you'll be in with a chance of winning prizes like tickets to the annual pantomime, a Wolves football match or a meal for four. Alternatively, why not make a new circle of friends as you stroll by joining in a group walk at Northycote, Bantock, East Park, Phoenix Park or West Park?

The walks take place at various times and are all free with no need to book.

Simply call 01902 444246 or e-mail rwh-tr.walkingforhealth@nhs.net for more information and times.

For full details of the fun-packed programme of events taking place between July 1 and 10 visit www.enjoywolverhampton.com

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Now Cyndi just wants to have fun

In the pink – Cyndi Lauper has recorded an album of her country music favourites, called Detour, and performs in Birmingham

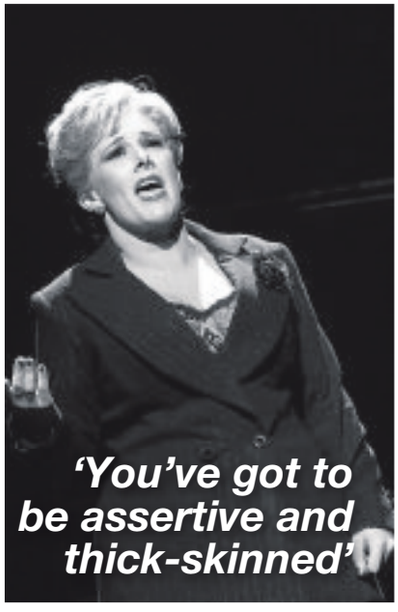
QUIRKY New Yorker Cyndi Lauper, who lit up the 1980s pop scene with Girls Just Want To Have Fun, True Colors, Time After Time and She Bop, is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Wednesday, June 22.

After over 50 million sales to date, Cyndi's musical journey took an unexpected turn on her 11th studio album 'Detour', with the Grammy, Emmy and Tony-winning 62-year-old singer-songwriter putting her signature spin on a dozen classic country songs. The album, released last month, was a labour of love and showcases that unmistakable voice on country classics from the 1940s to '60s with guest appearances from country stars including Alison Krauss and Willie Nelson.

Cyndi recorded the album in Nashville with the city's top session players. She says recording a country album is something she's dreamed about for years. She grew up listening to singers like Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn in her Aunt Gracie's kitchen.

"When I was a really young kid, country music was pop music, so this is what we grew up listening to. These songs are part of some of my earliest memories," she says.

Cyndi wrote the songs for hit Broadway show Kinky Boots, now playing in London's West End.



'You've got to be assertive and thick-skinned'

Back to the cell block

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be swapping her former real life role as a prison officer to play an inmate when the musical Chicago comes to Wolverhampton on tour next week.

The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the 1920s-set jazz musical is staged at the Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Sam Bailey worked as a prison officer at HM Prison Gartree for three years until 2013. At the end of that year Sam won the tenth series of the X Factor receiving more than a million votes over the course of the final weekend.

Following her win, her debut single Skyscraper was the Christmas chart-topper and was followed in 2014 with her debut album, The Power of Love, reaching number one in the album charts.

Asked if she would draw upon her experience for her role as prison fixer Mama Morton, Leicester mum-of-three Sam said: "You've got to be quite assertive and thick-skinned. I loved my job and miss the people. I have the utmost respect for anyone working in the prison system."

Hot shot lawyer Billy Flynn will be played by EastEnders actor John Partridge and Coronation Street's Hayley Tamaddon will play nightclub singer turned killer Roxie Hart.

Kander and Ebb's hit show, which was also made into a movie, features famous choreography by Bob Fosse. Tickets are on sale at grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

The production will also be at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre over the festive season as the city's musical alternative to panto.

Oh Bhoy, lots of comedy on the way

SCOTTISH comedian Danny Bhoy will be giving audiences in Wolverhampton a preview of his new show next month.

The funnyman is trialling his new material in a series of small shows around the UK. He will be at the Slade Rooms on Saturday, July 2.

Meawhile, other comics heading to Wolverhampton include Mitch Benn at Wolverhampton Art Gallery on September 22 and Felicity Ward with her 50% More Likely To Die show at the same venue on October 16. Both are BBC Radio 4 regulars.

Tickets for all three shows are available online at the www.wolvescivic.co.uk website.

Showcase for talent taking to the stage

A FESTIVAL which celebrates local talent comes to Newhampton Arts Centre this weekend.

Enact Festival will see theatre companies showcase their work in performances and a networking fair.

Visitors will have the chance to share information, skills, experiences and opportunities with each other and members of the public.

It runs tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday and will include a performance showcases at 7.30pm on both evenings and a script-reading workshop from 2pm-4.30pm on the Saturday.

The arts centre is on Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton.

Buster brings ska legends to Robin

BUSTER Bloodvessel brings raucous ska legends Bad Manners to Bilston's Robin 2 venue tomorrow night (Friday) with special guest Max Splodge.

Other highlights at the Mount Pleasant venue this week include prog rockers Frost* on Sunday and American country blues rockers Hymn For Her on Tuesday.

Burntwood metal outfit My Brother The Wolf are at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Saturday. That's the same night punk veterans Angelic Upstarts play the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath and This Burning Age are at Sunflower Lounge on Smallbrook Queensway.

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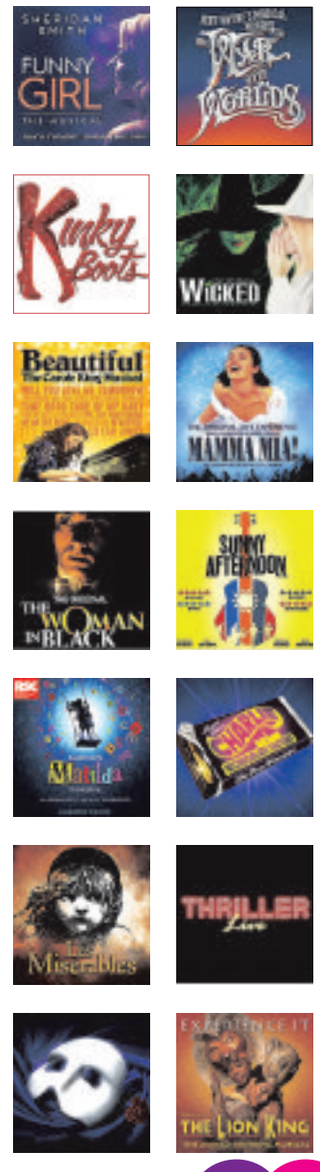

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DAYS: 2 OR 3 DEPARTS: VARIOUS DATES

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CHOICE

Rhod Gilbert

UK's Best Part-Time Band Final (BBC2, 10pm)

The nationwide amateur band contest reaches its conclusion as the six finalists and their celebrity mentors try to outperform each other in a 'battle of the bands' concert at the Rltz in Manchester. Ultravox frontman Midge Ure selected two acts from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, while New Order basist Peter Hook picked the contingent from northern England. Jazzie B, meanwhile, chose the south's acts, picking out Garage punks King Salami. As each act performs an original tune and a cover song, members of the audience will vote to determine which group will be named Britain's Best Part-Time band. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Athletics: Diamond League Stockholm Highlights. **1.00** Tennis: Queens. The Aegon Championships semi-finals. **4.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Iceland v Hungary (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.00 BBC News.

7.20 Regional Programme.

7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Portugal v Austria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the second Group F encounter for both teams, which comes from Parc des Princes in Paris. Dominant qualifying campaigns for these two sides meant they went into the tournament as the favourites to progress from this group, and whatever the outcome of their opening matches, they will each see this as a vital fixture. The last meeting between the nations was a 1-1 draw 21 years ago. Since then the Portuguese have amassed far more experience in major tournaments than tonight's opponents, and will fancy their chances of victory should talisman Cristiano Ronaldo be on form. However, with the likes of Bayern Munich star David Alaba, title-winning Leicester City left-back Christian Fuchs and maverick Stoke City winger Marko Arnautovic among their ranks, the Austrians have their strongest side for many years. With commentary by Guy Mowbray and Martin Keown, and analysis by Rio Ferdinand and Alan Shearer.

10.05 The National Lottery Draw. Veteran pop star Rick Astley performs live in the studio, and pushes the Lotto button to reveal the all-important Lotto and Thunderball numbers.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to solve son Dermot's relationship problems by giving his girlfriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.05 Thierry Henry: My France, My Euros. The former France striker looks at European Championship stories. (R)

12.05 Film: The Hunted. (2003) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.50 Film:** Without Reservations. (1946) **8.35 Film:** Lucky Jim. (1957) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World – Elephants without Borders. (R) **12.00** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **12.30** A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.10** This Week's World. **5.50** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.20 Nature's Perfect Partners: Natural World. Bill Bailey narrates this natural history documentary telling the story of some of nature's most extraordinary partnerships, revealing what sometimes happens when animals need an itch scratching, help getting into food or home security assistance. The answer is, to find a partner – and not necessarily one of the same species. Highlights include hippos joining forces with fish for a full-body exfoliation and ravens inviting wolverines over for some bone-crunching assistance with their dinner. (R)

7.20 The Liver Birds. Beryl loses her engagement ring while making Sandra a trifle, resulting in a mad rush to the hospital. Guest starring John Nettles. (R)

7.50 Comedy Connections. The story behind The Liver Birds, the influential sitcom charting the lives and loves of two single women sharing a flat in Liverpool. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Jonesy's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)

9.00 The New Tate Modern: Switched On. Andrew Marr and Brenda Emmanus attend the grand opening of the Tate Modern's new Switch facility, and shed light how director Frances Morris's plans to use the new space.

10.00 UK's Best Part-Time Band Final. The celebrity mentors and their acts progress through to the final, where they must play an original tune and a cover song to win the contest. Last in the series.

11.00 Versailles. A dissident duke tries to pressure Louis XIV to return the royal court to Paris; (R) Inside Versailles.

12.05 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **1.45 Film:** Silent Souls. (2010) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** Looped. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.35** ITV News; Weather. **11.50** The Wine Show. **1.00** Euro 2016. Belgium v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30** Big Box Little Box. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a possessed toddler and a driver chasing a runaway car.

7.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special. Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford, Brian McFadden and Vogue Williams, and Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer "say what they see" in a special edition of the game show. (R)

8.00 Endeavour. Shaun Evans returns as the young Inspector Morse in the first of four feature-length episodes. A baffling suicide, an anguished father searching for his missing daughter and the smash-and-grab robbery of medieval artefacts throw the detective in at the deep end as he resumes his role with Oxford City Police following a four-month absence from duty. As the locals go to the polls in a closely fought by-election and a beauty contest builds to its conclusion, Endeavour must navigate the choppy waters of both worlds as his investigation shakes the highest pillars of Oxford society. Co-starring Roger Allam, Anton Lesser and Sean Rigby. (R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest three matches in France, featuring Belgium v Republic of Ireland in Bordeaux, Iceland v Hungary in Marseille and Portugal v Austria in Paris.

11.15 Film: Carry On Camping. (1969) Two men hatch a plan to lure their unsuspecting girlfriends to a nudist camp and introduce them to a life of wild abandon. Bawdy comedy, starring Sid James.

12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Motor Sport: British GT. **7.00** Bloodwise Blenheim Palace Triathlon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Royal Ascot: The Morning Line. **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Frasier. (R) **10.55** Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Practice 3 Live. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Qualifying Live. Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 2.00pm). **3.20** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing. Clare Balding and Nick Luck present continued live coverage of the fifth and final day.

6.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. Scarlette Douglas comes to the aid of Brighton-based couple Neil Masey and Alfy Wajid, who hope to pick up a property on Ibiza in which they can entertain their friends.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Gogglesprogs. Following on from a pilot edition shown last Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which they maintain a close eye on a range of TV output, from entertainment shows and documentaries to some all-time classic films and up-to-the-minute news stories. Participants include six-year-old Molly and her eight-year-old brother William who both love helping out on the family farm, Stephanie who adores Justin Bieber and her friend Christina who prefers classical music, and schoolmates Jacob and Connor. In this opening programme, the youngsters offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mia! (R)

8.00 Film: Independence Day. (1996) A fleet of huge flying saucers launches a devastating and unprovoked attack on Earth. As survivors try to flee the seemingly unstoppable alien invaders, the courageous US president, an ace pilot and a computer genius come up with a plan to take the fight to the enemy and save the human race. Roland Emmerich's sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith.

10.50 Film: I, Frankenstein. (2014) Premiere. Fantasy adventure, with Aaron Eckhart and Bill Nighy.

12.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.30** Royal Ascot Highlights. **1.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.35** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. **12.05 Film:** Star Trek: First Contact. (1996) Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart. **2.10 Film:** Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. **3.35 Film:** Columbo: Double Shock. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. **5.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High Court enforcement officers Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a locked bedroom, and immediately call for police back-up. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town football club to recover a debt, while Paul and Ben have difficulty evicting a couple from a house in Kent after learning they have six children and nowhere else to go. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Abby Sciuto from the NCIS office in Washington, DC, heads to LA to help the team investigate a murder that may be the work of a serial killer she has been tracking. (R)

8.00 NCIS. The agents investigate a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while researching the death of a marine whose body appeared in the middle of a field disguised as a scarecrow, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

8.55 NCIS. A woman is murdered at the home of Gunnery Sergeant Holt Perkins, and while the victim is initially assumed to be the marine's wife, analysis reveals her to be a convicted thief, presumed to be on the scene as part of a plot to hit Perkins' house. When the agents discover the calling card of notorious terror cell Dragon's Tooth on the body, it becomes clear the murder has been committed as part of a wider agenda, and the team joins forces with the Department of Defence to catch the killer.

9.50 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Big Brother.

11.05 Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** To B&B the Best. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Aliens: The Big Think **8.00** Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge **9.00** The Disappearance **10.45** Lionel Richie at Glastonbury **11.45** Glastonbury Golden Greats **12.40** Disco at the BBC **1.40** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.00** Lionel Richie at Glastonbury **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.25 Ninja Warrior UK **12.30** Educating Joey Essex: Reem Queen at 90 **1.30 Film:** The Bachelor (1999) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35 Film:** The Bachelor (1999) **3.30 Film:** Nancy Drew (2007) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Nancy Drew (2007) **5.30 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.15 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Cleveland Show **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.40 Foyle's War **2.50** Midsomer Murders **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond **10.00** Foyle's War **12.00** Bouquet of Barbed Wire **1.05** City Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **1.05 Film:** Gunsmoke (1953) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15 Film:** Gunsmoke (1953) **2.50 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **4.40 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **6.30** World Series of Darts: Auckland **10.30** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **11.30 Film:** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **1.30** Hell on Wheels **2.20** Highway Patrol **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

3.30 The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Sleepy Hollow (1999) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Gogglebox **2.15** The Inbetweeners **3.15** New Girl **3.35** The New Normal **4.20** Revenge

Film4

11.00 The River's Edge (1957) **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) **2.50** Thunderbirds (2004) **4.40** Ladder 49 (2004) **6.55** Fantastic Four (2005) **9.00** Safe House (2012) **11.15** The Raven (2012) **1.25** Dead of Night (1974) **3.15** Close

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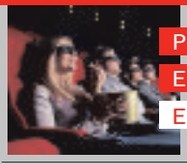

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CHOICE

David Cameron

Question Time EU Special: The Case for Remain (BBC1, 6.45pm)
David Dimbleby hosts the second of two live programmes in which leading political figures outline the arguments on both sides of the EU referendum debate and field questions from an audience of voters. In last week's first edition, Justice Secretary Michael Gove presented the case for leaving the European Union in a debate from Nottingham, while in tonight's programme, Prime minister David Cameron appears in Milton Keynes and discusses the advantages for the UK in retaining its membership of the EU.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Flog It! (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Lifeline. **3.40** Songs of Praise. **4.15** Koko: The Gorilla Who Talks to People. (R) **5.15** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Countryfile.

6.45 Question Time EU Special: The Case for Remain. Prime minister David Cameron answers questions on the case to remain in the EU to a live audience in Milton Keynes, ahead of the referendum on Thursday, June 23.

7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Switzerland v France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the third and final match of Group A for both teams, which takes place at Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille. These nations also faced each other in the final match of the group stage at Euro 2004 in Portugal, and on that occasion it was the French who emerged triumphant as they recorded a 3-1 win. If that doesn't leave the Swiss feeling as though they have a score to settle, then the 5-2 trouncing they suffered in a group-stage match at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil surely must, especially given that the two goals they managed to score came during the last 10 minutes, when it had effectively ceased to be much of a contest. France were in rampant mood on the night, with five different players getting on the scoresheet, and while some of the Swiss squad may still carry emotional baggage from that encounter, they can at least look to head coach Vladimir Petkovic for assurance given that he has replaced Ottmar Hitzfeld, who was previously in charge.

10.05 BBC News.

10.25 Regional Programme.

10.35 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner welcomes Pointless co-host Richard Osman, broadcaster Joan Bakewell and comedienne Roisin Conaty to discuss their pet hates. (R)

11.15 Film: Moonlight Mile. (2002) Drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Ellen Pompeo.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **11.30** A Cook Abroad: Tony Singh's India. (R) **12.30 Film:** The Seven Little Foys. (1955) Vaudeville biopic, with Bob Hope. **2.00** Tennis: Queens. The Aegon Championships final. **5.30** Rowing World Cup: Poland. Action from Lake Malta in Poznan.

6.30 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money out of their antiques by taking a risk at auction. (R)

7.00 Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure. Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain travel south through the Costa Rican mountains, where they learn how to herd cattle on horseback at a ranch before visiting an animal rehabilitation centre. They then explore the capital San Jose on election day before driving over the Cerro de la Muerte – which translates as the Mountain of Death. They then cross into Panama and experience the wonders of the world-famous canal linking the Atlantic to the Pacific, before heading to their final destination at the town of Yaviza, where the Pan-American highway comes to an end. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Sabine Schmitz each buy a second-hand car and drive to Venice. Professor Brian Cox and Bear Grylls are this week's Stars in a Rally Cross Car.

9.00 City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground, meeting air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport. Last in the series.

10.00 Mock the Week. (R)

10.35 Stupid Man, Smart Phone. Olympic athlete Jenny Jones joins Russell Kane on a Costa Rican island that is teeming with deadly snakes and scorpions and scorched by baking temperature. Last in the series.

11.25 Flat TV. Tom looks after Aoife's mischievous nephew in a bid to impress his new neighbour. Last in the series.

11.45 The Millionaires' Holiday Club. (R)

12.45 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **2.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.25** Holby City. (R) **4.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant. (R) **11.30** Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) **12.00** Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Catchphrase. (R) **1.59** Regional Programme. **2.00** Planet's Got Talent. (R) **2.30 Film:** Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Emmerdale. Belle angrily confronts Lachlan, who confesses his love for her. She is forced to tell Lisa the truth about her relationship with Dr Bailey before she is arrested for the break-in.

7.30 Coronation Street. Lee informs Billy he is holding Sarah hostage and will release her in return for £1,000, while Alex offers to drive Gemma to the cemetery to visit Callum's grave.

8.30 Vera. When the remains of a teenager are found half-buried in a wood, Vera finds herself investigating a 30-year-old mystery. Identified as Carrie Telling, a girl who disappeared during the 1984 miners' strike, the team retrieves news footage from the protests that shows her taking pictures in the background. It appears she got caught up in the unrest that day, contradicting her father's assertion that she went straight home. Photographs recovered from her camera yield further revelations for Vera. What did Carrie discover that ultimately led to her death? (R)

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest two matches in France, featuring Switzerland v France at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille and Romania v Albania at the Stade de Lyon.

11.45 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)

12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Salvage SOS. **6.35** Salvage SOS. **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** IPC Athletics European Championships 2016. **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.00** Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Live. Coverage of eighth round of the season (Start-time 2.00pm). **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel only have a few weeks to prepare for their wedding, but the chateau is nowhere near ready to receive the 200 guests they have invited and finding reliable, affordable workers is proving difficult. Dick oversees the damning of the moat and the installation of a new, eco-friendly sewage system, while Angel turns her attention to giving the rooms a distinctive decor. Last in the series.

8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland. She discovers the daily routine of the household staff during a royal visit, and flicks through a scrapbook of mementos dating back to 1925, which provides an insight into how life in the royal family has changed over the years. She also meets the Queen's bugler, finds an unexpected treasure from the 1953 coronation tour and discovered how in 2012, the Queen played a simple but vital role in uniting two fractured communities in Enniskillen simply by crossing the road.

9.00 Film: August: Osage County. (2013) Premiere. Three estranged sisters return to their family home following their father's suicide, and resume their complex relationship with their overbearing, malicious mother. Over the day of the funeral, tensions among the family reach boiling point as secrets and recriminations are brought to light. Drama, starring Meryl Streep.

11.25 Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Highlights.

12.30 Film: Intruders. (2011) **2.20** Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London. (R) **3.15** The Restoration Man. (R) **4.10** Jimmy's Australian Food Adventure. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. (R) **10.40** Now That's Funny! (R) **11.40** Now That's Funny! (R) **12.40 Film:** Tinker Bell. (2008) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **2.10 Film:** A Zebra's Tale. (2013) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jake T Austin. **3.45 Film:** Open Season 2. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale. **5.15 Film:** The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen.

7.00 The Secret Life of Kittens. Part one of two. Documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience and the friends they make during this period create†indelible impressions and shape their unique personalities. †Cameras capture all the formative moments, including their first exploration of their home environment, their curtain-climbing acrobatics, and the first time they venture out to meet the neighbourhood cats. (R)

8.00 Now That's Funny! Featuring the wonders of virtual reality, some outrageous employees of the month, and a guide to dating.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat.

10.00 The Best of Bad TV. The series charting TV gaffes continues with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats. (R)

11.20 20 Moments That Rocked the 00s. Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade. (R)

12.45 Lip Sync Battle: Will Arnett v Alison Brie. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 James May at the Edge of Space **7.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Romania v Albania (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Schönbrunn Summer Night Concert from Vienna **11.30** Wonders of the Universe **12.30** Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time **1.30** Rise of the Continents **2.30** The Treasure Hunters **3.30** Close

ITV2
2.00 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **4.10 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **6.15 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **8.00** Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.25 Film: Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) **1.20** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.25 Film:** Les Miserables (1978) **4.35** FYI Daily **4.40 Film:** Les Miserables (1978) **5.55** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **6.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.25** Sunday Night at the Palladium **9.30** Cameraman to the Queen **10.35 Film:** The English Patient (1996) **11.40** FYI Daily **11.45 Film:** The English Patient (1996) **1.45 Film:** Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) **3.20** May the Best House Win **5.00** Judge Judy

ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.15** Sporting Funnies **6.25** The Wine Show **7.30** World Series of Darts: Auckland **10.30** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **11.30 Film:** Rambo III (1988) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Rambo III (1988) **1.35** Ax Men **2.35** Movies Now **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
1.30 The Big Bang Theory **2.30** The Big Bang Theory: Father's Day **8.00 Film:** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) **10.25** Gogglebox **12.35** The Inbetweeners **1.40** Tattoo Fixers **2.40** Rude Tube **3.10** The New Normal **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4
2.45 The Last Mimzy (2007) **4.35** Chalet Girl (2011) **6.25** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **8.50** Independence Day: Resurgence Interview Special **9.00** I, Robot (2004) **11.20** The Negotiator (1998) **2.05** Conspirators of Pleasure (1996) **3.50** Close

PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The World's Fastest Indian, BBC2, 3.15pm
A pensioner motorbike enthusiast travels from New Zealand to the salt flats of Utah in the hope of getting a chance to break the world land-speed record on his vintage Indian Scout. However, he encounters many obstacles, since not everyone he meets on his journey shares his passion and optimism. Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. (2005)

TUESDAY
Columbo: Lovely but Lethal, ITV, 12am
A cosmetics company is rocked by the revelation that a pirated version of their latest product is on the market, and then, shortly afterwards, one of their chemists is found murdered. But when the shabby sleuth scrutinises the case, he suspects the events are linked to a rival company. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. (1973)

Defiance, Thursday, BBC2, 10.30pm

WEDNESDAY
Heart of the Country, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The wife of a Wall Street stockbroker finds her glamorous existence brought crashing to a halt when her husband is imprisoned for fraud. Forced to return to rural North Carolina where she grew up, she attempts to make peace with her estranged father and deal with unresolved issues surrounding the death of her mother. Drama, starring Jana Kramer. (2013)

THURSDAY
Defiance, BBC2, 10.30pm
Three Jewish brothers escape into the woods during the 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, and launch a series of guerrilla attacks on German forces. As word of their actions spreads, other refugees join them to form a larger resistance movement. However, one of the brothers fears their struggle is doomed. Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig. (2008)

FRIDAY
A Few Best Men, BBC1, 11.40pm
An Englishman falls in love with a woman he meets on holiday in Australia, and asks her to marry him. However, he then makes the mistake of bringing three friends over to be his best men. Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (2011)

Famous faces look to serve up a tasty treat

The pots and pans have hardly had time to be washed and dried from the last series of MasterChef, but it's already time for a new series of the Celebrity incarnation.

Once again, John Torode and Gregg Wallace will be putting a host of famous faces through their paces, and one of the show's executive producers, David Ambler, thinks this year's contestants are another strong bunch.

"We've got a fantastic line-up of willing celebrities ready to commence culinary battle," he says.

"John and Gregg really push the celebs to reach for the culinary heights and there's no shortage of entertainment and drama.

"Despite the blood, sweat and tears we see some of the best food we have seen in our 11 years of doing the show."

The other executive producer Carla-Maria Lawson agrees:

"This year's celebrities come from an incredibly mixed range of backgrounds and the diversity of their life experiences is reflected in their food.

"This is one of the most passionate groups of celebrity cooks we've ever had on MasterChef."

TOWIE star Amy Childs and Strictly Come Dancing pro Gleb Savchenko are among the celebs who will have their spatulas at the ready in a bid to impress John and Gregg over the next six weeks.

Fresh from his turn on The Jump is ex-EastEnder Sid Owen, who will go up against fellow Walford resident Laila Morse. Keeping up the pop star contingent is Blue singer Simon Webbe, who has already tested his nerves on I'm A Celebrity…, and former Sugababe Amelle Berrabah.

On the sporting front, former England rugby player Neil Back will also be attempting to whip up some impressive dishes, as will Olympic gold medal-winning boxer Audley Harrison.

Paralympian Liz Johnson will also compete in the kitchen along with former pop star Richard Coles.

Other additions to the line-up include Shameless star Tina Malone, presenters Cherry Healy and Louise Minchin, and Antiques Roadshow's David Harper.

The first famous faces taking part tonight and beginning their quest to succeed 2015 champ Kimberly Wyatt are comedian Tommy Cannon, TV presenter and actress Donna Air, writer and presenter of The Real Hustle Alexis Conran, YouTube vlogger Marcus Butler and singer Sinitta.

Their opening Mystery Box challenge is to use ingredients including squid, lamb mince and chickpeas to create a single dish.

Then, the quintet are split up and dispatched to two different restaurants to cater for paying customers.

Finally, they get one last chance to impress John and Gregg with a two-course menu of their own design before one of them is sent home.

The 11th series will see the infamous Mass Catering Challenges being held at Arsenal Football Stadium, Battersea Power Station, Virgin Atlantic Training Centre and Olympic Athlete training facility Bisham Abbey.

Celebrity MasterChef, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Euro 2016
ITV, 7.15pm
Slovakia v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the final Group B game for both countries, which takes place at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne. These sides have only met three times in the past, with the most recent clash coming in a friendly encounter in March 2009. Wayne Rooney netted twice in a 4-0 win at Wembley Stadium that night, with Emile Heskey and Frank Lampard also on the scoresheet. The format of the tournament this time means that four of the teams finishing third in their group will progress to the last 16, along with the winners and runners-up, meaning the final fixtures in each group are likely to take on even greater relevance. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle, and analysis from Ian Wright, Peter Crouch and Lee Dixon.

TUESDAY
EU Referendum: The Great Debate
BBC1, 8pm
With just a few days to go until we face the biggest European Union shake up in decades, David Dimbleby, Mishal Husain and Emily Maitlis are on hand to present this offering – one of the biggest debates of the EU referendum campaign, live from the SSE Arena, Wembley in London. Featuring high-profile politicians, business people and cultural figures who will debate Britain's membership of the EU in front of an audience of thousands. Plus, reaction from the world's media and the BBC's reality check team

WEDNESDAY
Rescue Dog to Super Dog
Channel 4, 8pm
More than 100,000 dogs are abandoned in the UK each year, with many of the pooches ending up at rescue centres. However, as this heart-warming three-part series has shown, help is at hand in the form of a new initiative retraining rescue dogs as companions for people with disabilities. In tonight's concluding part, the team helps find a helper dog for Manchester-based Paula who has a faulty immune system. She is matched with a boxer called Stanley, and hopes a dog will be able to help her with challenging daily tasks and provide her with invaluable companionship. Meanwhile, second-year student Ellie has cerebral palsy and desperately needs support as she strives to become an independent adult. Will rescue puppy Zamba be the answer?

THURSDAY
What Britain Buys
Channel 4, 8pm
Mary Portas presents this occasional look at how Britons shop and which products they buy, focusing on the growing popularity of contactless spending on cards, phones and even watches. She also looks at the trend for putting snail slime on the face, and face masks for the bottom, and at the millions of mums – and dads – doing the school run in leggings. Plus, how singing in the car has made dashcams the latest motoring must-have, and the way smart toys are affecting children's play.

Glastonbury 2016, Friday, BBC2, 10pm

FRIDAY
Oscar Pistorius: The Interview
ITV, 9pm
He was once hailed as a Paralympic hero and an inspiration to people around the world– but all that changed when Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day 2013. Last year, South Africa's Supreme Court convicted him of murder, overturning the previous conviction of culpable homicide, and he is currently awaiting sentencing, which is expected to be delivered later this month. Here, Pistorius gives his first television interview about the events of that fateful night as investigative journalist Mark Williams-Thomas questions him about the key details of the prosecution case, his relationship with Reeva and the allegations of previous abusive behaviour. The Steenkamp family were asked to take part in the programme, but declined.

Glastonbury 2016
BBC2, 10pm
New series. From their bird's eye studio view high up at Worthy Farm in Pilton, Somerset, presenters Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne, Huw Stephens and roving reporters Gemma Cairney and Martin Dougan report on events at the world-famous music event.

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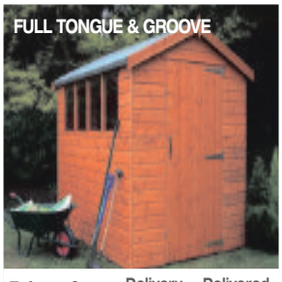

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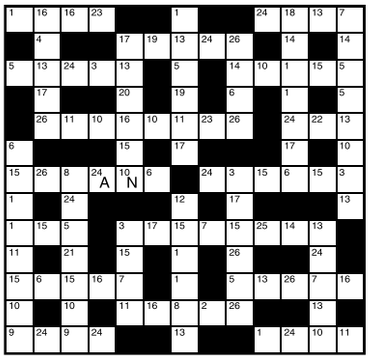

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

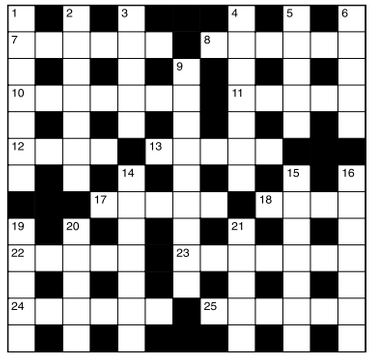
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Get out of bed (6)
8. Feel in for a change, like a cat (6)
10. The head cleaner! (7)
11. Information that is to be found in the Arabian Nights (5)
12. Escape from a rifle encounter (4)
13. Speeds regulated by local authorities (5)
17. A possibility of power (5)
18. Hotel employee brought to book (4)
22. One may slip and fall into it (5)
23. Flower in my control (7)
24. Humble a good man, after a fashion (6)
25. I left first followed by a Shakespearian heroine (6)

Down

1. Doesn't encourage delays (4,3)
2. Small cask for fresh water – or sea water (7)
3. Circles a strange sloop (5)
4. Worked to rule? (7)
5. Huge portion of Norwegian trout (5)
6. Even turned up it's the same (5)
9. Out to make one uneasy? (3,2,4)
14. Conversation becomes pointless if you do (7)
15. Special gifts of money (7)
16. Some people face it with resolution (3,4)
19. Appears to look at some writing (5)
20. Cured in a rough way (5)
21. Legally prevent poets being translated (5)



Quick Clues:

Across

7. Source (6)
8. Force (6)
10. In addition to (7)
11. Name (5)
12. Not one (4)
13. Subject of discussion (5)
17. Mar (5)
18. Unaccompanied (4)
22. Caper (5)
23. Idea (7)
24. Worthless (6)
25. Shiver (6)

Down

1. Join together (7)
2. Disagree (7)
3. Discovers (5)
4. Include (7)
5. Malice (5)
6. Change (5)
9. Partner (9)
14. Apparition (7)
15. Pardon (7)
16. Twist (7)
19. Fortunate (5)
20. Motionless (5)
21. Sham (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Usage; 4 Lucifer; 8 Instant; 9 Lying; 10 Eats; 11 After all; 13 Ties; 14 Mace; 16 To be sure; 17 Tame; 20 Oscar; 21 Mustard; 22 Slowest; 23 Ruler. Down: 1 United Nations; 2 Asset; 3 Edam; 4 Let off; 5 Cul-de-sac; 6 Frigate; 7 Regular reader; 12 Sets free; 13 Tobacco; 15 Prompt; 18 Avail; 19 User. QUICK - Across: 1 Dread; 4 Portend; 8 Secrete; 9 Class; 10 Only; 11 Derision; 13 Brow; 14 Cede; 16 Rearmost; 17 Pate; 20 Brain; 21 Eclipse; 22 Entreat; 23 Greet. Down: 1 Dishonourable; 2 Excel; 3 Deed; 4 Prefer; 5 Receiver; 6 Examine; 7 Disengagement; 12 Commence; 13 Blatant; 15 Ascent; 18 Ample; 19 Flag.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. According to the Old Testament, on which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
2. Which great horror actor died in August 1994?
3. In which country was Princess Margaret born?
4. The Cherhill White Horse celebrates whose victory over the Danes?
5. Who was European Footballer of the Year in 1968?
6. To what did Burma change its name in 1989?
7. With which instrument is Miles Davis primarily associated?
8. What is a loquat?
9. What is the wife of a marquess called?
10. Of which religion was Joseph Smith the founder?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Len Deighton; 2 Banana; 3 West Ham United; 4 France and Spain; 5 Lincolnshire; 6 Carl Orff; 7 Acacia; 8 Netherlands; 9 Sonia O'Sullivan; 10 El Cid.

Niner: OUTSAILED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

345925 gives a criminal,
67825 gives a workman,
12648 gives an evil spirit.

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Café culture – The 28 Tram Café in Lisbon

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View from the terrace of The Insolito restaurant

Decor in the Bar Procopio, Lisbon

Lisbon has been brought up to date but still enjoys its historical glory

By Sarah Marshall

WHEN I lived in Lisbon 14 years ago, I stayed, rent-free, in a dilapidated 12-bedroom palacio owned by a bon vivant called Jorge who wafted through its crumbling corridors with an air of faded grandeur.

He typified an aristocratic capital since forgotten by the rest of Europe, where colourful characters eked out a fantasy existence by surviving on cheap rents.

For decades, Lisbon has been trapped in a wonderful time warp: specialist shops still sell products from behind wooden counters and weathered doorways reveal historic interiors untouched for years.

But now change is happening at an accelerating pace, and there's a palpable energy in a city that's drifted aimlessly for so long.

According to figures collected by Lisbon's tourist board, the number of visitors to the city increased by 18 per cent from 2013-2015. To cope with the demand, there has been 150 per cent growth in hotel openings during the same period.

Flight access is also improving; earlier this month Monarch launched flights from Manchester, Birmingham and London to the Portuguese capital.

So what's the reason behind this drastic change? It's partly down to changes in government. Four years ago, a century-old law freezing rent charges was scrapped, sparking investment in rundown properties and a plethora of new restaurants and bars.

The results could have been disastrous.

Fortunately, though, proud Lisboans prefer to preserve their past rather than raze buildings and start again.

Once dominated by government offices and embassies, Rua Dom Pedro V and the Principe Real district is now filled with wine bars, fashion boutiques and design stores. Climb the wooden staircase of revamped 1800s neo-Moorish mansion Embaixada (Praca do Principe Real, 26) to find ornate interiors just as beguiling as the pop-up shops now housed inside.

Value

The concept of upcycling was key to the design of new hotel AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado, which occupies a former arsenal on Praca do Municipio – another area of the city enjoying a new lease of life. Every aspect of the city offers great value for money.

In April, Post Office Travel Money rated Lisbon the cheapest city in Western Europe in their City Costs Barometer. It's possible to dine for around £8 per head and even the 45-minute metro journey from the airport into town costs less than a couple of Euros.

This is one of the few European cities where independent businesses have the upper hand on generic big brands. From dusty, traditional stores to trendy new ones, local shops champion artisan Portuguese products such as paper-wrapped soaps, household linens and even canned fish.

Of course, Lisbon still bathes in the glory of its historical sites, including the Unesco World Heritage sites of Belem, linked to the Age of Discoveries. Standing beneath the Monument to the Discoveries, where statues of 33 navigators reach out to the River Tagus, I imagine a time when Vasca do Gama set sail to extend the Portuguese Empire. Right now though, there's so much on Lisbon's own doorstep to explore.

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Attractive end terraced home yards from green

Occupying a prime location on the outskirts of the village, 2 The Village Mews, Regis Road, Tettenhall is an attractive end terraced property just yards away from the village green.

Partly screened from the road and also within easy distance of amenities, it is for sale through Thomas Harvey at £219,950.

Constructed to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space and providing surprisingly generous living accommodation, the impressive interior incorporates an entrance hall with a fitted WC, an open plan dining kitchen with matching suite of units, a charming living room and a rear lobby overlooking the landscaped rear garden.

On the first floor there are two bedrooms and a well-appointed family bathroom.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "An additional feature to the property is the mature enclosed rear garden which provides the most pleasant outlook whilst maintaining maximum privacy.

"Viewing is essential to appreciate this excellent example of its type."

With gas central heating and double glazing, in more detail it has an entrance hall with laminate-style vinyl flooring and a downstairs cloakroom/WC with an extractor fan.

Matching

The dining kitchen is open plan. It has a matching suite of units and cupboards with matching worktops including a built-in oven with a gas hob and an extractor hood over, plumbing for washing machine, laminate-style vinyl flooring and a bay window to front.

The charming living room has a marble-style fireplace and hearth with a gas coal fire and matching surround, coved ceiling and stairs off with stores below and double glazed window to rear

Off the first floor is a galleried landing with a coved ceiling.

Bedroom one has a built-in cupboard, a coved ceiling and windows to front.

The family bathroom has a white suite comprising a panelled bath with a shower and screen, pedestal wash hand basin, close coupled WC, chrome radiator, tiled walls, coved ceiling, laminate-style vinyl flooring and an extractor fan.

Bedroom two has a coved ceiling and a window overlooking the rear.

The private mature rear garden is mainly paved with a variety of shrubs and trees.

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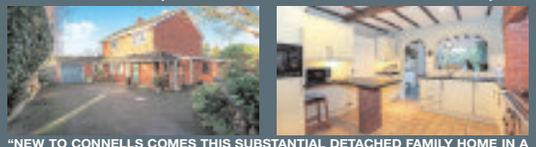

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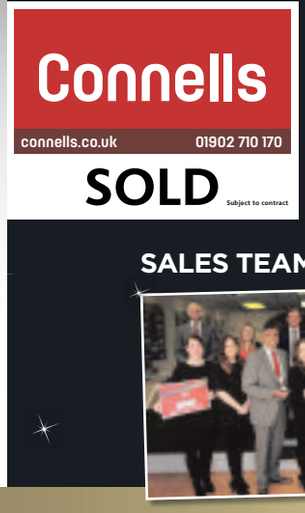

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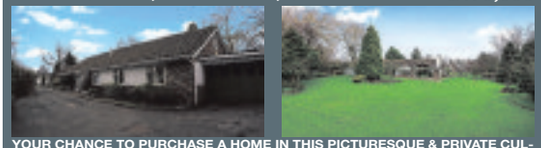

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●●Aldersley Road●●
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OFFERS AROUND £645,000

TRYSULL

FEIASHILL ROAD ● Substantial 3 Bed Detached family residence set in delightful semi-rural position on Trysull village fringes standing in established gardens and grounds of about one third of an acre ● Considerable scope for enlargement and improvement by virtue of its generous sized plot (subject to PP) ● Porch and Hall with small Office off ● Pleasant Lounge opening through to double glazed Conservatory. ● Sitting Room ● Kitchen with modern style fittings ● Utility Lobby ● Dining Room ● Laundry ● 3 good sized Bedrooms ● House Bathroom ● Shower Room ● Garage and ample driveway parking ● Gas CH, double glazing & Alarm ● Viewing highly recommended to appreciate potential (EPC: D)

OFFERS OVER £450,000

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THE PADDOCK
OPEN VIEWING THIS SAT 18th JUNE - 11am to 1pm ● Exceedingly spacious 4 Bed Barn Conversion in prominent corner position off High Street within this idyllic Shropshire village between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth ● Rustic elevations of mellowed brickwork conceal a roomy layout ● Oil fired CH ● Reception Hall and Fitted Guest's Cloaks ● Impressive 20ft through Lounge ● Dining Room ● Fitted Breakfast Kitchen with appliances ● Galleried Landing ● 19ft Master Bedroom with fitted furniture and En-Suite ● 3 further generous sized Bedrooms ● House Bathroom with free standing bath and separate shower ● Double-width Garage and driveway parking ● Enclosed, partly walled rear garden plus additional established gardens to front and side ● ● NO UPWARD CHAIN ● ● (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £354,950

CODSALL

● Excellent Detached residence occupying corner position in exclusive small cul-de-sac with renowned range of local amenities conveniently accessible. ● Very comfortable family accommodation, presented and appointed most atttractively. ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. ● Bay-fronted Lounge with Adam style marble fireplace. ● Separate Dining Room. ● Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with impressive range of fittings and integrated appliances. ● Utility/Laundry. ● Lovely large galleried landing. ● Four good Bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes, largest with Shower Room en-suite. ● Family Bathroom. ● Gas-fired central heating. ● Double glazed windows. ● Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking facilities. ● Nicely landscaped south-facing garden. (EPC: C)

OFFERS AROUND £339,950

WOMBOURNE

WHITES WOOD ● Modern style 3 Bed Detached occupying a popular residential position off Common Road /handy for public transport and not far from the excellent village facilities and schools ● Roomy interior layout would benefit from some modest updating ● Entrance Porch and Hall ● Fitted Guest's Cloakroom ● 21ft through Lounge with fitted gas fire ● Separate Dining Room/Sitting Room ● Kitchen ● 3 generous sized Bedrooms, all with wardrobes ● Refitted Shower Room ● Gas CH and double glazing ● Garage and driveway parking ● Established, well stocked rear garden (EPC: E) ● ● NO UPWARD CHAIN ● ●

OFFERS OVER £250,000

PERTON

● Particularly attractive detached residence in private drive position at end of cul-de-sac on the outskirts of very popular development. ● Improved and upgraded specification provides very comfortable family accommodation. ● Porch and Hall. ● Bay-windowed Lounge with feature fireplace. ● Open plan to Dining Room with patio doors to stylish Conservatory. ● Nicely fitted Kitchen including range of integrated appliances. ● Utility / Laundry and fitted Cloakroom. ● Four Bedrooms (two with wardrobes) ● Excellent Bathroom with white five-piece suite. ● Gas-fired central heating. ● Double glazed windows. ● Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking. ● Attractively landscaped south-facing rear garden. (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £229,950

PERTON

● Particularly attractive Detached residence standing on impressive plot in consistently popular neighbourhood with excellent local amenities. ● Neatly presented accommodation of comfortably proportioned layout and offering scope for a little updating. ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. ● Spacious through Lounge. ● Separate Dining Room with patio doors. ● Well appointed Kitchen. ● Three Bedrooms, all with built-in wardrobes. ● Bathroom including shower. ● Majority gas-fired central heating. ● Double glazed windows. ● Garage and driveway parking facilities. ● Nicely landscaped south-facing rear garden. (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £224,950

PENN

● Incredibly deceptive! ● Semi-detached Bungalow offering surprisingly roomy accommodation on an unusually generous plot with absolutely superb rear garden to delight the enthusiast. ● Enlarged layout of particularly versatile design, comfortably appointed and presented most attractively. ● Porch and Hall. ● Lounge with fireplace, open plan to Dining Room (29 ft. overall). ● Neatly fitted Kitchen. ● Garden Room incorporating Laundry area. ● Sitting Room/Study. ● Two ground floor Bedrooms, both with wardrobes. ● Fully fitted Bathroom plus additional fully fitted Shower Room. ● First floor Bedroom three. ● Partial gas-fired central heating. ● Double glazed windows. ● Driveway parking facilities. ● Beautifully landscaped garden with many appealing features including Summerhouse and ornament pool with waterfall etc etc. ● MUST BE SEEN! (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £224,950

CASTLECROFT

● Elegant second floor apartment in particularly attractive modern block within lovely mature landscaped setting on the western fringe of the conurbation ● Stylishly planned accommodation of well proportioned layout and comfortable contemporary specification ● Living Room ● Galley-style Kitchen with attractive range of fittings and integrated appliances ● Double Bedroom including built-in wardrobes ● Smart white Bathroom ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Secure gated access to communal grounds including allocated parking facility ● Leasehold. Ground Rent and Service Charge payable ● Equally suitable for first time buyer, executive pied-a-terre or investment purposes ● (EPC: B)

OFFERS AROUND £102,000

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● Terraced Cottage in late Victorian style, handily positioned with easy access into city centre and short walk to excellent selection of local amenities. ● Compact accommodation of basic specification, reasonably well presented whilst offering scope for some updating and upgrading. ● Good potential to be exploited. ● Two Living Rooms, each with feature fireplace. ● Fitted Kitchen. ● Shower Room. ● Two double Bedrooms. ● Gas-fired central heating. ● Paved rear yard and landscaped garden. (EPC: D)

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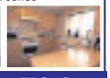
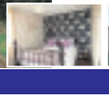


£173,000 EPC=C

Pendeford

Haywain Close
- Two bed end terrace
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Double glazing
- Central heating



£120,000 EPC=C

Wolverhampton

Bushbury Lane
- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen

£79,950 EPC=D

Wolverhampton

Aldersley Road
- Three Bed Mid Terrace
- Popular Residential Area
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Shower Room

£105,000 EPC=E

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Wolverhampton

Broad Lane South
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Sun Room

£185,000 EPC=D

Bilston

St Chads Road
- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating
- Convenient Location
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£129,950 EPC=F

Darlaston

Johnson Road
- End Terrace
- Off-road Parking
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-sac Location

£125,000 EPC=E

Wheaton Aston

Borden Close
- Three Bed Link Detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory

£220,000 EPC=D

Essington

Sneyd Lane
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Great Location
- Extended Kitchen and Lounge

£189,000 EPC=D

Penn

Old Chelsea, Church Hill
- Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Plenty of character
- Off Road Parking

£299,999 EPC=E

Penn

New Price

Pennwood Lane
- Three Bed Detached
- Traditional Setting
- Great Location
- Modern interiors

£310,000 EPC=D

Goldthorn Park

Himley Crescent
- Three Plus Two Bedroom Annex
- Popular Location
- Parking to Fore
- Gardens to rear

£199,950 EPC=D

Wolverhampton

Dace Road
- Modern Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Dining Room

£135,000 EPC=E

Wightwick

New Price

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- Requires modernisation

£95,000 EPC=D

Pennfields

Fisher Street
- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom

£79,950 EPC=D

Finchfield

The Spinney
- Three Bedroom Extended
- Detached Home
- Open plan dining and Kitchen
- Great Location Corner Plot

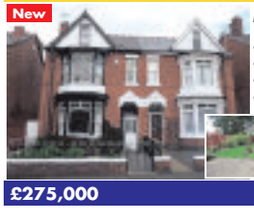
£240,000 EPC=E

Oxley

Crathorne Avenue
- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens

£115,000 EPC=E

Compton



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- Semi Detached
- Great Location
- Character Property
- Four Bedrooms

£275,000 EPC=F

Bilston

Humphries Crescent
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- En-suite to Master Bed
- Open Plan Lounge Kitchen

£165,000 EPC=TBA

Oxley

Mercury Drive
- Modern End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Garage and Parking

£144,950 EPC=E

Bilston

Clarence Road
- Refurbished Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Block Paved Driveway

£98,000 EPC=TBA

Castlecroft

Bhylls Lane
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

£159,000 EPC=E

Bushbury

Wentworth Road
- MID TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Double Garage

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EPC: TBC

Guide £140,000 / £150,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 17th & 18th JUNE @ 11.00 a.m.

6 GAINSBOROUGH DRIVE, PERTON

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Guide: £63,000 / £68,000

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EPC: D61

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FIRSWAY, WIGHTWICK

An attractive & imposing detached property of substantial proportions, offering an outstanding living space: 17ft7in x 13ft7in reception hall, W.C, study, exceptional 36ft5in living room, dining area, 19ft4in breakfast kitchen, landing & sitting area, 4 bedrooms, 2 luxury en suites & spacious bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, lobby, storage, mature 85ft garden, in & out drive, premier cul-de-sac. NO CHAIN (C/73)

OFFERS AROUND £475,000

CASTLECROFT GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive & individual detached property created by the renowned Major Hutchinson Smith providing immensely characterful living space & occupying a superb 0.22 acre plot, reception hall, W.C, 2 charming living rooms, conservatory, country style kitchen, utility room, 3 good bedrooms, spacious bathroom, GFCH, impressive frontage, delightfully mature gardens, garage & carport, sought after cul-de-sac. (F/51)

OFFERS AROUND £399,950

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A superbly well proportioned & very nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent extended family living space; side porch, hallway, W.C, impressive 20ft1in lounge, 15ft2in dining room, adjoining sitting area, 17ft conservatory, open plan 17ft5in fitted kitchen, large utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, long driveway, mature gardens.(D/59)

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BRAMSTEAD AVENUE, COMPTON

An extensively extended detached property offering an outstanding standard of exceptionally well proportioned & presented living space; inviting hall, W.C, 3 living rooms, study, UPVCDG conservatory, well equipped 21ft8in breakfast kitchen, master bedroom, luxury en suite, 3 further bedrooms, luxury house bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, long block drive, garage, lovely southerly garden. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £329,950

TUDOR CRESCENT, PENN

An outstanding newly constructed detached property, offering exceptional family living space, occupying an imposing, head of cul-de-sac position; hall, W.C., 17ft6in x 13ft lounge, UPVCDG conservatory, study/bed 4, splendid 26ft1in kitchen diner, 17ft8in x 13ft master bedroom, luxury en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, lovely southerly garden. NO CHAIN (D/65)

OFFERS AROUND £319,950

SOUTHFIELD GROVE, FINCHFIELD

A well proportioned & nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent family space, situated in a sought after cul-de-sac & residential location; inviting hallway, cloaks/W.C, impressive through lounge, further living room, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, extensive drive, mature gardens.(D/61)

OFFERS AROUND £310,000

WINDMILL LANE, CASTLECROFT

A superior & individual traditional detached property, having been extensively extended & improved upon to create an excellent standard of modern family space; inviting hallway, 2 attractive living rooms, breakfast kitchen, W.C, master bedroom with luxury en suite, 3 further bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, utility garage, block drive, delightfully mature & private rear garden.(D/55)

OFFERS AROUND £310,000

HOLYHEAD ROAD, KINGSWOOD

An extensively extended semi detached property offering exceptional family living space, occupying a lovely semi rural position with superb views to front & rear; inviting hall, 2 living rooms, well equipped kitchen, breakfast area, g/floor shower room, 4 good bedrooms, luxury bathroom, large loft room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, extensive rear garden with brick garden room/workshop. (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £295,000

RICHMOND ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & imposing detached property of generous proportions, residing with a sought after neighbourhood, convenient for amenities: spacious hall, guest W.C, impressive 28ft6in living/dining room, 16ft x 14ft9in breakfast kitchen, 5 bedrooms (2 interconnecting), bathroom & en suite, GFCH, UPVCDG, substantial block drive, garage, mature gardens, corner plot.(E/44)

OFFERS AROUND £295,000

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

A most attractive & generously proportioned detached family home presently under construction by Ling Homes to a high specification; hall, W.C., impressive lounge, UPVCDG conservatory, office, splendid well equipped 19ft6in kitchen diner, excellent master bedroom with dressing room & luxury en suite, 3 further bedrooms, luxury family bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, solar panels, garage, gardens. (TBA)

PRICE £289,500

RICHMOND AVENUE, FINCHFIELD

An extremely well presented modern detached property offering an excellent standard of well planned family living space, occupying an enviable position within a sought after & convenient Cul-de-sac; hall, W.C, 2 attractive living rooms, comprehensively refitted kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, refitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, carport, garage, delightfully mature gardens. (D/64)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

COPPICE ROAD, FINCHFIELD

A most deceptive detached bungalow offering superbly spacious & versatile living accommodation, residing within this highly desirable road, well situated for a comprehensive range of local amenities: inviting hall, pleasant living room, comprehensive kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms, restyled bathroom, garage & driveway, GFCH, UPVCDG, gardens to 3 elevations, NO CHAIN (E/46)

OFFRERS AROUND £229,950

REGIS ROAD, TETTENHALL

An elegant & particularly well presented Victorian property offering most characterful & spacious living accommodation, residing with this fashionable neighbourhood, well placed for village amenities: 2 charming living rooms, well equipped 14ff5in kitchen, 2 1st flr double bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, double attic bedroom 3, GFCH, maj UPVCDG, delightful mature & long rear garden.(F/37)

OFFERS AROUND £214,950

RUTLAND AVENUE, PENN.

A most impressive extended link detached property, occupying a pleasant position in this sought after location, handily place for surrounding amenities; hall, front dining room, extended 21ft rear lounge, domed conservatory, breakfast area, fitted open plan kitchen, utility room, W.C, 3 bedrooms, luxury restyled shower room, GFCH, DG, garage, block drive, nicely laid out rear garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £209,950

HARRIOTTS HAYES LANE CODSALL WD

A traditional semi detached property occupying a most pleasant leafy country lane setting, surprisingly convenient for village amenities, including railway stations at both Albrighton & Codsall;hall, 2 charming living rooms, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, ESH, UPVCDG, delightfully mature gardens, driveway, nice outlook. NO CHAIN (F/34)

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

BROAD LANE, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive & characterful Victorian terrace property overlooking Bantock Park providing particularly spacious & highly versatile living accommodation, extremely convenient for good amenities:inviting hall, cellar, 3 living rooms, stylish modern kitchen, 3 generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C, S/DG, GFCH, garage to rear, long mature garden. (D/58)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

CASTLECROFT AVENUE, CASTLECROFT

A modern link detached property offering both spacious & versatile family accommodation, residing within a sought after location, close to good amenities & schooling: hall, W.C, pleasant 17ft lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, fitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy driveway, carport, garage, neatly laid out gardens. NO CHAIN (D/65)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

WULFRUNA GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A most impressive & tastefully appointed semi detached home of generous proportions, offering spacious & characterful living space, situated within this highly popular neighbourhood & cul-de-sac, convenient for the city & amenities; hall, 2 living rooms, conservatory room, extended kitchen, 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, delightfully mature & long garden. (E/42)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

MERRIDALE ROAD, MERRIDALE

A most imposing Victorian semi detached residence, offering excellent family living space of particularly generous proportions & retaining a wealth of character, well served by good amenities & the city: hall, cellar, 3 large living rooms, refitted & well equipped kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 5 bedrooms, 2 shower rooms, GFCH, maj UPVCDG, driveway & garage, rear garden. NO CHAIN (E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £185,000

COCTON CLOSE, PERTON

An extended detached bungalow offering a good standard of generously proportioned & versatile living space, pleasantly situated at the head of a small cul de sac; hall, impressive living room, restyled fitted kitchen, inner hall, 2 bedrooms, conservatory, restyled shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, extensive block drive, mature gardens, NO CHAIN (D/63)

OFFERS AROUND £180,000

BRANDON PARK, MERRY HILL

A particularly well presented modern styled detached property having been extensively improved upon over the years, occupying a pleasant position at the head of a cul-de-sac; hall, pleasant lounge, separate dining room, 16ft6ib breakfast kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

CHURCH WALK, PENNFIELDS

A substantially extended traditional semi detached property offering impressive family living space, occupying a pleasant & most convenient no through road position: hall, 2 living rooms, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, excellent boarded loft area, restyled shower room, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, utility garage, driveway frontage, lovely established garden. (D/57)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

WELINGTON AVENUE, BRADMORE

An attractive & extended traditional semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a pleasant & most convenient cul-de-sac position: inviting hall, impressive 22ft3in through living room, comprehensive 15ft9in ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature garden with outbuilding, driveway. NO CHAIN (D/57)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

CYGNET CLOSE, COMPTON

A first & ground floor life style apartment in spacious & interesting duplex format, forming part of this exclusive development, residing at the heart of this excellent well served Village: secured access, inviting hall with storage, living room, well equipped kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms, dual access bathroom, lower living/bedroom 3 & W.c, DG, GFCH, integral garage. NO CHAIN (C/77)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

CASTLECROFT HOUSE, CASTLECROFT RD

A delightful first floor life style apartment forming part of this prestigious development offering an excellent standard of well appointed living space; inviting hall, attractive living room, stylish well equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, allocated parking, pleasant communal grounds encompassed by sporting & cricket fields. (B/82)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

BRIDGNORTH ROAD, COMPTON

An attractive semi detached property, offering particularly well maintained & versatile living space, conveniently situated for village amenities; hall, 2 good living rooms, comprehensively fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, well appointed shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, block paved frontage, storage room (originally garage), delightfully mature garden backing onto meadow land. (E/50)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

LEYLAND AVENUE, MERRIDALE

An impeccably maintained semi detached property, having been extensively improved upon to create an excellent standard of most spacious & versatile living space, occupying a pleasant & convenient cul-de-sac location: inviting hall, 2 attractive living rooms, fitted kitchen, feature landing, 3 good bedrooms, restyled luxury shower room, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, mature garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

WOODFIELD AVENUE, PENN

An rather attractive Victorian period semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a pleasant position on this most popular & convenient tree lined road: inviting hallway, 2 generous living rooms, spacious 13ft11in kitchen, small rear lobby, W.C, utility/study room, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature garden. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

TYNING CLOSE, PENDEFORD

An extensively extended semi detached property, pleasantly situated in a small basin cul de sac & handily placed local amenities, provides spacious living accommodation, ideal for a growing family, porch, extended open plan living room, spacious fitted kitchen, utility room, W.C, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (E/52)

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LARCHES LANE, OFF TETTENHALL RD

An attractive modern end terrace house in Victorian style offering versatile living space of generous proportions, occupying a pleasant position on this popular road, convenient for the city: hall, pleasant living room, inner hall, guest W.C, fitted kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFGH, neatly maintained rear garden with useful side access. (C/70)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

TANFIELD CLOSE, TETTENHALL WD

An attractive modern semi detached property offering well proportioned & presented living accommodation, residing within a small select cul-de-sac, extremely convenient for amenities, including good local schooling: hall, pleasant living room, fitted kitchen, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, DG, GFCH, neatly maintained front & rear gardens, driveway & semi detached garage. (E/54)

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LIVINGSTONE AVENUE, PERTON

A most impressive semi detached property offering surprising generous modern living space, situated within a pleasant & convenient cul-de-sac; hall, attractive 17ft7in living room, comprehensively refitted & well equipped kitchen diner, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature front & rear gardens. (D/62)

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TILBURY CLOSE, CASTLECROFT

A well present ground floor apartment, offering a good standard of surprisingly spacious living space, convenient for good local amenities: 12'8" entrance hall, attractive living room, comprehensive kitchen, lobby, small utility room, inner hall, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom GFCH, UPVCDG, mature rear garden, wide fore garden with driveway, 2 storage rooms, NO CHAIN (D/65)

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WHITEHOUSE LANE, CODSALL

Enjoying a lovely rural aspect over fields and farmland from both front and rear elevations this detached family home briefly comprises canopy porch, reception hall, cloakroom, full length sitting room, dining room, study, breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, laundry, galleried landing, 4 first floor double bedrooms – master en-suite, sottini house bathroom, oil fired central heating, double glazing, detached triple garage with first floor office, storage & wc, enclosed private rear garden, lovely views, EPC=D64

£595,000

TORVALE ROAD, WIGHTWICK

This superbly presented spacious detached bungalow has undergone a stunning transformation and briefly comprises entrance porch, L shaped reception room, formal living/ entertaining room, spacious dining room, double glazed conservatory, open plan kitchen/ informal dining area, utility, fitted cloakroom, 3 good size bedrooms- master en-suite, modern bathroom, block paved driveway, detached garage and gardens on 3 sides with patio area and sun terrace creating a lovely setting. EPC=D68

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CLIVE ROAD, PATTINGHAM

Occupying a choice corner position within an extremely generous plot. This deceptively spacious detached family home provides an exceptional opportunity for that discerning buyer looking to acquire a property they can restyle to their own requirements. Briefly comprises entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, full length living room, conservatory, dining/ sitting room ,kitchen with built-in appliances, 4 bedrooms, refitted house bathroom, ample off road parking, double width garage, private rear garden. EPC= E40

£395,000

WREKIN LANE, TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position this detached bungalow occupies a generous plot and briefly comprises double glazed entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with feature enamel cast iron stove, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, three double bedrooms - master with wash hand basin and potential for en-suite facilities, heritage bathroom suite, carport, landscaped rear garden, off road parking, detached garage. EPC=D66

£319,950

OAKEN LANE, OAKEN

NO UPWARD CHAIN- A unique and well presented attached barn conversion which is set off a private drive nestled amongst a superb development and enjoying rural views split over 2 floors the accommodation briefly comprises lounge with exposed beams and staircase which leads to the first floor dining area with exposed beams, kitchen with integrated appliances, refitted shower room, two bedrooms master having built in wardrobes and an allocated parking area. EPC= D63

£199,500

TYNINGHAM AVENUE, TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position backing on to South Staffordshire Golf Club this extensively but sympathetically extended detached family home briefly comprises entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, full length living room with feature fireplace, dining room, well-appointed breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, utility, additional sitting room/play room, four good size bedrooms – master with en-suite & dressing area, house bathroom, carriage cobbled driveway, landscaped south facing rear garden, EPC=D66

£475,000

CRATEFORD LANE, GAILEY

This charming detached bungalow enjoys an open aspect to the front elevation and adjacent views over countryside and is conveniently situated within a short driving distance of the popular Village of Brewood. Briefly comprises entrance porch, reception hall, open plan dining area and sitting room, fitted kitchen, inner hallway, utility with wc, a choice of 3 double bedrooms- master en-suite, family bathroom, block paved driveway, detached double garage with up and over door and landscaped gardens. EPC=E43

£425,000

WESTON CLOSE, BISHOPS WOOD

This superbly presented extended and refurbished link detached property briefly comprises reception hall, inner hallway with fitted cupboard and built in utility stores, through lounge and dining area, luxury appointed open plan bespoke fitted breakfast kitchen and family room with feature cast iron wood burner, three double bedrooms – master en-suite, sumptuous fitted bathroom suite by 'Jacuzzi', landscaped gardens with lovely views over countryside, ample off road parking, garage stores,. EPC=D67

£335,000

DANESCOURT ROAD, TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position within a small cluster of charming barn conversions on the fringe of Tettenhall Village this detached coach house briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room with lovely views over the garden, dining kitchen, galleried style landing, a choice of three first floor bedrooms – all with fitted wardrobes, good size bathroom, shared courtyard parking area, two garages with mezanine floor, delightful and mature rear garden. EPC=D64

£279,950

BALMORAL ROAD, PENN

Occupying a choice corner poition in this established and popular residential area this semi detached family home enjoys an above average size frontage and open views from the first floor main bedroom and in further detail briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room with feature fireplace, separate dining room, kitchen, garden room, three first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, DG & GCH, good size garage, off road and secure parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC=C70

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Asking Price £179,950

BRADMORE

Beautifully presented detached home occupying a unique position overlooking St. Phillips church and the memorial gardens to the side. Many outstanding features including quality fitted dining kitchen, delightful rear gardens and annexe to the rear which includes a shower room and fourth bedroom / study. Further accommodation comprises living room with linked sitting room, conservatory, three good size bedrooms and quality re-fitted shower room. EPC = C

Asking Price £260,000

PENN

Two bedroom detached bungalow situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac off Springhill Lane. Requiring general modernisation the property comprises living room, well proportioned kitchen, two double bedrooms and family bathroom. Gardens to the front and rear, a driveway and spacious garage. EPC=E

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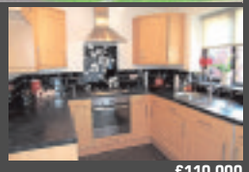

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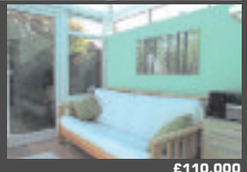

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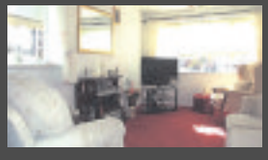

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Keeping 2008 up-to-date

By John Griffiths

NO-ONE, it seems, was more surprised than Peugeot at the popularity of its 2008 SUV, with 50,000 British motorists parting with their hard-earned cash since the model was launched three years ago.

SUVs are, of course, the model of the moment – sales of this class of car were up 25 per cent in the first three months of this year – but there are also many more competitors so Peugeot has reason to be proud of the share it has won.

So what better time for Peugeot to give its model an upgrade and a makeover, powered by the latest, most efficient petrol and diesel engines, and add a new sports themed flagship, the GT Line which takes some of its styling cues from the acclaimed 308GTi.

The power options range from 75 to 130bhp, and average fuel consumption ranging from 57 to 76mpg, with low tax liabilities.

Prices, too, are highly competitive for the compact SUV sector, starting at £13,615 with the flagship model at a reasonable £20,565 bearing in mind its high equipment levels.

From the outside, the revamped 2008 has been given a more robust, SUV face, with a near horizontal bonnet and deep face, complemented by a larger, vertical honeycomb grille. While arch extensions and scuff plates are designed to give extra protection to the bodywork for those who venture off road.

Some of Peugeot's competitors have gone for a more chunky design, to look as if they are meant for tackling rough country, But in fact it's usually only top of the range models which have four wheel drive and not too many of them will see much more testing terrain than the beach. Peugeot has dropped the pretence and taken a different track, so instead of one or two top 4x4 models all 2008s have a simple to operate grip control knob on the centre console. Choose normal, mud, sand or snow and it reconfigures traction control and electronic stability control systems to provide maximum grip for conditions, with the aid of all season tyres.

The car handled muddy tracks and a sandpit on the test drive with aplomb, but even given the vagaries of a British summer we couldn't manage a snow test in June. You won't be competing with a Land Rover Defender at serious mud-plugging, but with the grip control and extra body protection drivers will feel more secure on winter roads as well as muddy tracks and, of course, that trip to the beach.

Positive

The controls are light and the six-speed gearbox is positive, and while the steering is nicely weighted it doesn't provide a great deal of driver feedback. That said, it's a pleasant car to thread along twisty B-roads, with the small diameter steering wheel (part of Peugeot's new trademark i-cockpit system} adding to the 2008s agility.

The small wheel complements the high-mounted instrument binnacle to allow almost a head-up display visibility for the driver, with no need to take your eyes off the road ahead.

In some trim levels, this is reinforced by the Apple Carplay system housed in the central seven-inch display screen, which includes voice control for hands-free access to phone calls, texts, your choice of music and maps.

Entry level models are powered by the 1.2 litre, 82bhp petrol engine which takes 13.5 seconds for the 0 to 62mph sprint and is capable of averaging 57.6mpg. CO2 emissions are a low 114g/km.

At the other end of the range is the same 1,200cc, three cylinder unit but dramatically uprated with a turbo charger. It not only has 130bhp, but it also has double the torque with an impressive 230Nm at just 1,750rpm. While it costs more to buy, it offers slightly better economy (58.9mpg) and emissions are a little lower too.

Naturally it's quicker (8.3 seconds to 62mph) but the real benefit comes in terms of a more refined and relaxed drive: lower revs (and therefore noise), fewer gear changes and easier progress. It really doesn't feel like you're driving a mere 1,200 – it's more like a 1.6 at least. The petrol engines economy is particularly impressive, but I suspect that bearing in mind Peugeot's reputation for efficient (and award-winning) diesel engines this will be the choice for many buyers.

There are three versions, of 75, 99 and 120bhp: the latter offering a winning combination of 0 to 62mph in 9.6 seconds and an impressive 76.3mpg average on the official (laboratory) test. Most people know that it is virtually impossible to reproduce the official test results in normal driving, but I was pleasantly surprised to see our 120bhp test car averaged a creditable 59mpg and that included charging around the off-road test track in first and second gear.

Peugeot has incorporated some of the latest technology in the new 2008, with additional connectivity through Mirrorlink or Apple Carplay, as well as the radar-like city brake system, which can help drivers avoid shunts in town traffic (or reduces the impact if they fail to react to the warnings).

Parking sensors or a reversing camera, and automatic parking, are also available.

On a practical note, the 2006 has plenty of rear head and leg room, with room for four adults (five at a pinch). The boot is well up to standard at 422 litres, with of course the flexibility of a split/fold rear seat back and roof rails as standard.

Six airbags, ABS and stability control are fitted across the range, along with features such as manual air conditioning, cruise control and electric front windows.

The new GT Line flagship takes its styling cues from Peugeot's sporting Gtis, with contrasting red stitching on the black seat cloth, aluminum kick plates and pedals, black gloss mirrors and a back chrome grille which set it apart from the rest of the range. It's also kitted out with a panoramic sunroof, with electrically operated blind, dual zone automatic aircon, a rear view camera, and satellite navigation.

The new 2008 is an honest car: it offers practicality and all-weather safety without pretending it's a full-blown 4x4 – and it does it at competitive prices with a range of modern, efficient engines.

The update in style and equipment is likely to mean it keeps up with the times and the addition of the sportily-styled GT Line model should attract some new fans to the fold.

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S-Max is taking the stylish to the max

By John Griffiths

Style, practicality and price – in whatever order – must surely be among the main criteria for the decision to make a major investment in a new car. A decade ago Ford combined these essentials in an all-new vehicle, the S-Max, as a sleek, stylish and even sporty-looking alternative to more traditional, boxy seven-seat MPV rivals but with no less practicality.

Now the second generation S-Max is hitting the streets: not, at first sight, a huge change with a few visible changes but substantial improvements in key areas such as refinement, comfort and technology.

The test car was a Titanium trim version powered by what is likely to be the single most popular engine option, the 2.0 litre, 148bhp, turbo diesel. This middle of the range car costs £28,095 – it starts at £24,545 with Ford's 1.5 litre Ecoboost petrol engine while at the other end of the spectrum is a 178bhp model with 'Powershift' automatic transmission and all-wheel drive at a little over £33,000.

If the original S-Max was distinguished from the MPV competition by its dynamic looks, the new version is more of the same, with a longer, lower bonnet, Ford's new slimline headlight cluster and a more tapered rear end. It's styling helps to belie its size, which really becomes apparent once you step inside.

It is based on a modified Mondeo platform, which is a good place to start, and shares much of the drivetrain and technology from the much-admired mid-range saloon.But the difference is size and flexibility. The S-Max has the quality feel and refinement of a premium saloon, but with two extra seats and the ability to transform itself into a cargo carrier to rival many a small van if required.

It's a family car ideal for transporting the kids (and a couple of their friends) on the school run or for weekend activities, but it also has the ideal credentials for a flexible business car carrying valued clients to lunch or a hefty consignment of samples on a sales trip.

Flexibility is another buzzword in MPV land and we're used to the concept of flexible seating and the S-Max system is as good as it gets.

Fold

You can slide each of the three second row seats backwards or forwards, or fold them flat, with one hand. The same is true of the rear pair of seats which form part of a flat load floor: just pull a single strap and each individual seat can be raised and locked into place, and then the safety head restraints raised.

With seven people on board you have 285 litres of cargo space – about that of a mid-sized hatchback – but by juggling with the seats you can increase that to a whopping 2,020 litres, putting many a dedicated estate car to shame.

The interior has an upmarket feel: in the Titanium test car you get heated, sports-styled front seats with an exception view through the big windscreen, uninterupted by the sloping bonnet.

You get climate control, a comprehensive LCD instrument panel which (between the tacho and speedometer) allow you to display a wide range of information. That's in addition to the central touch screen control, for the satnav, audio, connectivity and adjustable vehicle settings.

Traffic sign recognition (which displays, among other things, the current posted speed limit) plus cruise control and an adjustable speed limiter also help to keep you in control. Front and rear parking sensors, lane keeping assistance, multiple airbags and electronic stability systems, and front fog lamps are also on the standard list.

The test car was fitted with the optional Titanium X pack, which sounds expensive at £2,225 but is pretty comprehensive and takes the car up a grade. It includes leather seats (power adjustable for driver and front passenger) and adaptive LED headlights including 'glare free', a system which ensures you won't dazzle oncoming drivers if you're a bit slow on the dip switch.

The upmarket feel of the cabin is matched by the ride experience. The 2.0 turbo diesel is particularly quiet, and the car's suspension system handles its weight well, with an excellent compromise between a supple, cosseting ride and reasonable dynamism.

The rear suspension is new, adapted from that of the latest Mondeo, which is tuned to improve the S-Max's road manners but equally as important to providing a softer, quieter ride for those in the rear two rows of seats.

It has inherited many of the best features of its smaller sibling, the Mondeo, when it comes to the driving experience but with the advantage of seven seats or an enormous cargo capacity when required. In short, it's a true multi-role car with the ambience of a premium saloon.

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Inspired by original Mini, the designer MINI Seven

By James Parker

MINI has launched its latest design model, MINI Seven. Taking its name from the very first Mini, the 1959 Austin Seven, MINI Seven has been developed to showcase both the distinctive style inspired by the original Mini and the current modern values of the brand.

MINI Seven joins the current generation MINI Hatch range in 5-door or 3-door form with specially designed exterior and interior looks unseen before on this generation's model line-up.

MINI Seven is instantly recognisable by its striking MINI Yours body finish which comes as standard in Lapisluxury Blue – the most intensive blue tone ever applied to a MINI. Three other body finishes from the MINI paint range are also available to choose from; Pepper White, Midnight Black and British Racing Green.

A Melting Silver roof and exterior mirror caps come as standard contrasting with the distinctive body finishes.

Exterior

MINI Seven door sill finishers and side scuttles with the MINI Seven logo as well as 17-inch light alloy wheels in exclusive MINI Seven Spoke two-tone design complete the exterior look.

For those wanting to add their own personal style to the exterior design of MINI Seven, bonnet stirpes in Melting Silver with surround in Malt Brown are also available as an option.

Inside, the eye-catching design cues continue with sports seats in the fabric/leather finish Diamond Malt Brown, designed exclusively for MINI Seven.

There is also a MINI Seven logo on the central instrument which surrounds the MINI Visual Boost 6.5'' colour display which also comes as standard alongside MINI Connected, Bluetooth Handsfree with USB audio, floor mats, MINI Excitement Pack, automatic dual-zone air conditioning and storage compartment pack.

Quality

In addition to the high quality standard equipment offered, MINI Seven has its own bespoke option pack, the MINI Seven Chili.

The MINI Seven Chili offers customers MINI Yours features such as the Lounge Leather Upholstery in Carbon Black and the MINI Yours Steering Wheel in Walk Nappa leather with a waxed hand stitched seem.

The MINI Seven Chili pack also offers additional features which are unique in the small car segment including LED headlights, multifunction controls for the steering wheel and cruise control with brake function.

Additional optional equipment from the MINI range is also available to further customise MINI Seven. This includes the popular panorama glass roof, windscreen heating, front driver and passenger seat heating, the Harmon Kardon hi-fi speaker system as well as MINI Connected XL and MINI Navigation System.

MINI Seven will be have its first UK premiere at Goodwood Festival of Speed on the MINI stand from June 23 to 26 with orders being taken now. Prices start for MINI 3-door Seven from £18,545 on-the-road and from £19,145 for MINI 5-door Seven.

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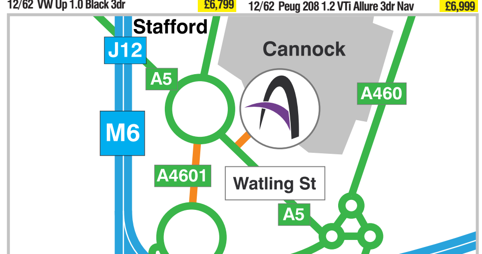

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Style and flair in the Seat Ibiza

By Sharon Walters

It might be part of the huge VWG group but there's nothing Teutonic about the Seat stable. Some thought the former Spanish brand might have lost a little of its sparkle when first bought by VWG but its cars still have more than a splash of Latin passion about them.

Built on common platforms with Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda, the twists on exterior looks give no indication of German owners. Seats certainly can be distinguished in your rear view mirror rather than you wondering which member of the stable it is from.

And now to the updated Ibiza. This supermini was ideally suited to the name of a place associated with younger, hip and happening folk. Think of the tales of all those music venues which still attract club lovers.

This latest version, as did the previous incarnations, attracts a lot of buyers in its pricing along with a good ride an handling. It is also relatively cheap to run is well built, has a raft of safety features (it has a five-star Euro NCAP crash-test safety rating) with stability control, autonomous emergency braking assistance, tyre-pressure monitoring, a variety of airbags and traction control all as standard and has a high level of equipment.

There's a range of engines and trim levels and I tried out the Ibiza SE 1.4 TDI Ecomotive 75 PS 5-speed manual. This is a great little package if only for the magic Ecomotive tag – official average fuel economy is put at 83.1 mpg and I managed just short of 80mpg. Less visits to the pumps with this car. It also scores 88 g/km in CO2 emissions which means you don't pay road tax. And the cost savings continue.

Ibiza has firm suspension, which I prefer, and the result is good body control which leans well through corners. Steering is quick and makes corners fun, especially along country lanes.

Inside drivers can find an almost perfect position in the well-supported seats with height adjustment (standard across all models) plus reach and rake adjustment on the steering wheel. Finding what you need on the dash is instinctive thanks to its clear and uncluttered layout.

I don't find a problem with height space thanks to my 5 feet four inches! But six footers in the driver' and front passenger seat have no cause for complaint – although the rear seats are not so generous due to the curved roofline. However legroom is fine along with elbow space.

The boot is good for the size of the car and the 60/40 split rear seats give you flexibility for creating more luggage space and also for carrying large items

Standard kit across the range is good including - alloy wheels, air-conditioning, CD player with iPod socket, electric front windows and front foglamps. SE grades also get a raft of extras including halogen front headlights, front fog lights with cornering function, LED daytime running lights, LED taillights, more storage pockets and updated infotainment system with a 5-inch colour touchscreen, steering wheel mounted audio and phone controls and six speakers. Plus Bluetooth audio streaming and handsfree system(which actually comes in at the next trim level down).

My test car had a few extras which are well worth considering. A convenience pack including auto-headlights, coming and leaving home function for £230. For £145 the Full Link should be a must extra for providing compatability with Mirrorlink, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Upgraded navigation added £580 and a space saver spare wheel at £100.

Seat has worked on its image of being fun and sporty, leaving its brothers rather on the more serious side, and that effort has worked very well. Put up against its rivals, it certainly impresses. It is fun to drive and made me feel decades younger than my birth certificate claims.

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Renault's fourth-generation Mégane is available to order now and will arrive in UK showrooms from July.

The all-new Mégane hatchback displays Renault's design language, as well as features and technologies from the executive segment above, into the family car C-segment for the first time. It will be priced from £16,600 on-the- road.

The Mégane is being offered in a 25-version line-up based on six trim levels familiar to owners of other Renault vehicles – Expression+, Dynamique Nav, Dynamique S Nav, Signature Nav, GT-Line Nav and GT Nav. All provide a comprehensive standard specification, rising to the truly luxurious or sporty at the top-of- the-range.

Renault's active and passive safety, such as adaptive cruise control, active emergency braking and lane departure warning have been applied throughout the range, while connectivity via the R-Link 2 system is fitted to all models above Expression+. Standard safety features include ABS with electronic brake-force distribution, ESC (Electronic Stability Control) with traction and understeer control, cruise control, speed limiter, hill start assist, six airbags, seat belts with load limiters and pretensioners at the front, side impact protection bars and ISOFIX child-seat mounting points on the two outer rear seats.

All versions provide a two-way adjustable steering column, height adjustable driver and passenger seat, Bluetooth, accessory power point, a 12-volt front socket and ample storage. These all feature on the Expression+ trim level, which also includes an automatic electronic parking brake, LED daytime running lamps, tinted windows, 7-inch TFT instrument panel with digital speedometer, all-round electric windows, leather steering wheel, Bluetooth connectivity, 4 x 20W DAB radio with fingertip controls and AUX input.

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At the top of the range, there is Signature Nav featuring 18-inch diamond-cut alloys, full LED headlights, black leather upholstery with Nappa leather steering wheel and electrochrome rear-view mirror.

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part time - general

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8 Motoring

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FORD FIESTA 02, 64k, AC, alarm, 3 months MoT, new battery, cambelt. £1,050.
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FORD MONDEO Estate 2.0 petrol, manual, LX, 02 plate, 12 months MoT, CD, very good condition, reliable, £595 ono. 07889 434584.

JAGUAR XJ6 1995, 3.2 litre, 150,000 miles, MoT August 2016. £800.
01902 898034.

MAZDA 6 STAKATA, 2005, 99,000 miles, blue, reliable runabout, MoT May 2016, service history, 2 new Pirelli tyres, £850. 07903 530573.

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NISSAN MICRA Tempest, 3-dr hactchback, petrol, 1.0, 13 months MoT, £650. 07828 678711.

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Classified Ads

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FORD KUGA TITANIUM TDCi, 2010, FSH, 53k, 2 lady owners, excellent condition, £9,000 ono. 07847 468666.

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NISSAN D22 2.5Di, 4x4 Navara, 07 reg,109,000 miles, Mot April 2017, leather, two owners, snug top, reliable, £3,500 ono. 07850 337120.

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The application includes the following terms:

1. To enable the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, between Monday - Sunday 08:00 - 23:00

Full details of the application may be viewed at the Council Offices, Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, (Reception 14), St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1DA, during normal office hours, Monday to Friday.

Licensing@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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10 Personals

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sports clubs

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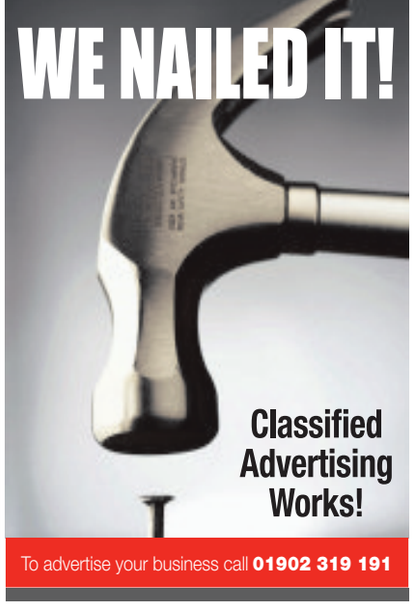

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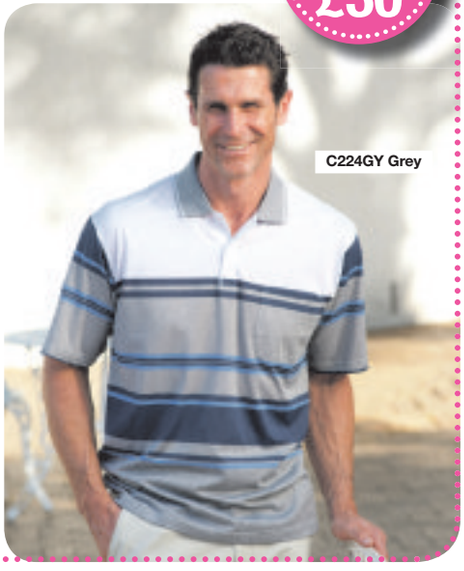

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Cheslyn Hay Table Tennis Club is proving a smash hit as membership figures rise

A smiling Nigel Smith with trophies that he won throughout 2015

Isabel Beastall, aged 11, is a member of the youth team

Quinn and Co serve up up a story of success

HAVING helped more than 300 burgeoning table tennis stars progress, Cheslyn Hay secretary John Quinn is delighted with the impact that the club is making in the local community.

Now with almost 50 members, the Salem Church-based outfit are on an upward spiral, with interest peaking and committed volunteers providing expert coaching.

On top of that, they are doing their bit for those less fortunate than themselves. Quinn revealed that in 10 years they have raised £22,000 for charities worldwide by hosting 12-hour table-tennis marathons, quizzes and horse racing nights.

Quinn has played the game for more than a half-a-century and been involved with the Cheslyn Hay club since its inception in 1974, when they were playing at the old working men's club.

Challenge

"It's fantastic to look back and know that hundreds of kids have come through our youth academy at the club," he said.

"For me, the challenge is to bring all of the youngsters off their computers and Xboxes and get them doing something else. It's extremely social and they're all playing competitive table tennis."

With the help of qualified coach Andrew Beastall, Craig Cartwright and father-and-son duo Martin and Callum Squire, the club has managed to pick itself up after numbers started to dwindle two or three years ago.

Quinn, who last year was presented with a national award from the English Table Tennis Association for more than 40 years 'voluntary service in the game, holds real pride in what they have achieved.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

"Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life.

"We train many of them from beginners and we've some top young players."

"Andrew has done so, so well to coach the kids," he added. "Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life. We train many of them from beginners and we've some top young players.

"Andrew has been given huge support by Martin and his son Callum, who is taking his coaching awards.

"Then to have someone like Craig, who helps with looking after the place, taking tables up and down, is just great. To see the progress is really fantastic.

"Our venue isn't in the best of conditions but we make the most of what we've got.

"Salem Church is 200-odd years old, we have five tables and even a robot training machine who will serve and play topspin shots.

"Things have gone from strength to strength since Andrew has taken over. He brings fun to the sessions and what we have done is unbelievable."

Amy Beastall, aged 15, has been called up to represent Staffordshire and at one point was ranked as high as 40th in the UK.

As well as bringing impressive youngsters through their ranks, the club's first team have also been finding some real form over the past few years.

Nigel Smith, Paul Bishop and Jeff Parkes compete in the Walsall League's Division One after superb double success in Division Two last year.

They finished the season as league champions and picked up the divisional cup. Smith was also successful in the individual category.

"I've been secretary for 25 years and I'm very, very proud," Quinn added. "There are many clubs closing down and we are doing more than surviving.

Content

"I'm just content that if I were to step down then the club would be able to continue to function. We cater for all players and have some kids as young as 10 with some members in their 80s.

"There's no discrimination, it's social and we hope to increase even more."

The club's home match nights take place on Monday and Tuesday nights, with the church also open on those evenings for training sessions from 7-10pm.

They also run youth academy nights on Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm.

The club are keen to encourage sponsorship, with players travelling far afield to compete in a number of competitions.

Anyone interested should contact club secretary John Quinn on 07846 496715.

Talented youngsters practising at the Salem Church-based club

Ready to serve – Kieran Bond, aged 13, who is in the youth team

Rose chases the American dream with scholarship

TEENAGER Edward Rose is ecstatic' to be heading to America after obtaining a footballing scholarship at Springfield University in Illinois.

The 17-year-old from Pattingham, Wolverhampton will jet off to the United States in August for a four-year course, living in accommodation inside the university grounds and combining his work on the pitch by working towards a degree in philosophy.

Edward Rose

Rose, who is currently completing his A levels at Codsall Community High School, has obtained the scholarship through United Sports USA, a company based in Glasgow which offer youngsters opportunities across the pond in football, golf, track and field, and swimming.

United Sports USA spotted him after their team played against Tipton Town, who Rose played for in the Midland Floodlit Youth League last season.

"I was playing for Tipton Town against the company's team and they approached me after the match and asked if I would like to join their scholarship programme," said Rose, who has also spent time on trial with Walsall and Wolves in the past.

"I hadn't really thought about (heading to the US for a scholarship) until they approached me, but I got involved and I am ecstatic to be going out there."

Studs given boot – for spikes

Rio 2016 hopeful Matthew Hudson - Smith

IN a parallel universe, Matthew Hudson-Smith could well have solved Kenny Jackett's search for a striker at Wolves this summer.

Good on his feet, exceptionally fit and, yes, pretty quick – 400 metre runner Hudson-Smith fits the bill.

And had the athlete made a different choice as a teenager, the now-21-year-old might have been wearing a gold and black football kit instead of the blue, white and red of Team GB.

However, such has been his rise to prominence in athletics – and with the Rio Olympics now in his sights – there are no doubts in Hudson-Smith's mind that he made the correct decision to swap studs for spikes.

"I was versatile, they put me everywhere – a utility man," Hudson said of his fledgling football career. "Wolves played me at right-back at first, then as a striker because I was quite quick. In fact, if they do need a striker, let me know!

"Speed was my obvious strength. At right-back I could just run up and down the wing. And then as striker, when they did the long ball I could sprint on to it.

"I didn't have the best of touches but my speed made up for it. I had quite a mean shot on me though."

Wolves let him go as a young teen and then Hudson-Smith made his definitive career choice – and hasn't looked back since. What was the deciding factor?

"I like athletics more.I think the reason Wolves let me go was I was a bit too relaxed."

Lonergan insists he's no back-up goalkeeper

ANDY LONERGAN insists he sees himself as a number one goalkeeper after becoming Wolves' first signing of the summer.

The 32-year-old has put pen to paper on a two-year-contract after Wolves agreed an undisclosed fee with Fulham.

Lonergan, who played 31 times for the Cottagers last season, will now compete with Carl Ikeme and youngster Jon Flatt for the number one jersey next season.

Andy Lonergan

But while the former Preston man believes Ikeme is one of the best keepers in the Championship, he is ready to battle him for a starting spot.

"In my opinion Carl is comfortably one of the top three keepers in the league," Lonergan said. "It is up to me to put pressure on him.

"Obviously I want to play – everyone wants to play. You just have to be patient if you are waiting for your chance and take it when it comes along.

"I have played nearly 400 games in this league so I would like to class myself as a number one.

"Most clubs now have two goalkeepers who could both go in and play and hopefully I can add to the squad here."

Lonergan spoke to former Wolves defender Richard Stearman before agreeing his contract, which includes the option of a further year, and said: "Stears couldn't speak highly enough of the club."

Mel hits the target with school pupils

PUPILS at a city school were treated to a masterclass in archery by Paralympic athlete Mel Clarke.

Clarke, who won bronze at the Beijing Games in 2008, silver at the London Games in 2012 and is hoping to make it to her third consecutive Paralympics in Rio this summer.

She took youngsters from Smestow School, Wolverhampton through her remarkable story from near death to major success.

A mentor for Sky Sports' Living for Sport programme, she also led several team building exercises and introduced the group to the world of archery.

As well as her Paralympic achievements, Clarke has won club, county, regional, national, European and World Championships and holds world records too. However, all of that could have never happened.

In 2003, Clarke became the first disabled archer in Europe to represent her county in an able-bodied team, but a few days into the tournament she was struck down with Lyme disease, a bacterial infection passed on via ticks.

Dedication

She was left fighting for her life and subsequently suffered from paraplegia and loss of sight in one eye. Told by doctors she would never compete again, Clarke was determined to continue and worked tirelessly to recover from the illness.

She even developed a new approach to archery which involves tilting her head over to aim correctly due to being blind in the eye she previously aimed with. Two years later she defied the odds and won the Para World Championships.

Clarke now uses her story to inspire youngsters and is very passionate about her work with them in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust.

"In terms of the Paralympic Games in Rio the Team GB line-up is yet to be announced but is expected to be in the coming weeks. Having achieved bronze in 2008, silver in 2012, Clarke is determined to go one better once again. She admitted she never dreamed of being able to compete after her illness 13 years ago and is hoping to be in Brazil come September.

"My parents were told I might not survive so I never dreamed of being able to compete again," added Clarke.

From left to right: Bethany Papirnyck, Browyn Grainger Jeevan Shemar

Pupils were taken through several team building exercises and introduced to the world of archery

Paralympian Mel Clarke with Jessica King and Rachel Vernon

Wanderer is dumped out of first round

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Wayne Jones was dumped out of the Austrian Darts Open after winning just a leg of his first round tie.

'The Wanderer' endured double trouble when he was drubbed 6-1 by Dimitri van den Bergh in an abject performance from both.

Jones only hit one out of 11 attempts at a double to claw a leg back, but it was in vain as the Belgian raced to victory.

The Wednesfield thrower's average finished on a below-par 81.64, with van den Bergh only making 85.15 but hitting more than a quarter of his doubles (6-20). Both hit one 180 on the way.

Jones, 51, made the cut for the three-day event at the Multiversum in Scwechat, Vienna, after coming through a qualifier in Coventry last month.

Presentation night attended by 199 guests

SOME 199 players and guests attended the Wolverhampton City Netball League annual presentation evening at The Pavilion, Wolverhampton.

Guest of Honour was Mrs Janet Wrighton MBE International Netball Federation, Board Director who presented the winning teams and individuals with their awards.

Results for week 7 were:

Group A: Ladybirds 14 (1) Phoenix 24 (5); Phoenix Hornets 14 (2) Sapphires 19 (5); Sam 3 17 (1) Whitmore Y 29 (5); Chasetown A 34 (5) Whitmore X 31 (2).

Group B: Cresta 16 (3) Stourbridge Jets Blue 16 (3); Fusion 22 (5) Stourbridge Jets Black 20 (2); Libra Lea Aqua 15 (1) Sam 4 33 (5); Amec Ladies (24) Whitmore J 44 (5).

Group C: Crescent 11 (0) Wanderers 2 27 (5); Blaze 14 (2) Whitmore J 16 (5); Dolls 24 (2) Wanderers 1 27 (5); Eurostars 19(2) Lunes 20 (5).

Group D: Breezers 15 (1) Wordsley Storks 27 (5); Inspire 13 (1) Whitmore Z 21 (5).

Group E: Zimmers 18 (5) Allsortz 14 (2); Sam 5 13(1) Ice 23 (5); Roldec 21 (5) Chasetown B 20 (2).

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Sport

Table tennis club serves up platform for success

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Jaffer ton as unbeaten run maintained

WOLVERHAMPTON maintained their unbeaten start and moved up to second place in the Birmingham & District League Premier Division.

Almost relegated last season, Wolves are experiencing somewhat of a resurgence this campaign after earning four wins and a winning draw from their five completed matches. They trail Ombersley by just four points.

Despite 107no from Wasim Jaffer and 56 from Adam Lawley, Wolves were forced to settle for a winning draw when the match was abandoned with the strugglers on 98-6 from 24.2 overs.

Elsewhere, **Kidderminster** moved above Walmley and out of the bottom two with a comfortable eight-wicket win over **Barnt Green**.

Bottom club **Leamington Spa** clung on for a losing draw against **West Bromwich Dartmouth**, finishing on 144-9 in reply to Dartmouth's total of 207-8.

Smethwick's six-wicket victory over **Wellington** in a rain-reduced match of 20 overs per side saw the Broomfield outfit take over at the top of Division One.

Himley are three points back after bundling **Attock** out for 86, courtesy of Jamie Turner (4-31) and Elliot Hopkin (3-9). Junaid Khan (4-27) reduced Himley to 45-5 before Ben Smith hit 27no.

In Division Two, **Wombourne** crushed **Stratford-upon-Avon** by 10 wickets after Kuldeep Diwan (5-6) and Adam Quiney (5-33) bowled them out for 39.

Fordhouses – courtesy of Chris Guest (5-49), Ruan Pretorius (77no) and Niall Cooper (69) – are fourth in Division Three after beating **Pershore** by eight wickets. **Brewood** lost by three wickets after being bowled out for 88. Robbie Byrne (4-30) and Jamie Lunn (3-36) reduced **Worfield** to 51-7 before they edged home.

Solid showing puts Tai on top of the world standings

WOLVES rider Tai Woffinden says he was happy with another solid showing in his speedway world title defence at the weekend.

Woffinden finished third in the Danish FIM Speedway Grand Prix in front of a sellout crowd at the CASA Arena in Horsens. Polish star Maciej Janowski was the winner.

He picked up three race wins along the way to another place in the final. He now leads the world championship on 39-points alongside Chris Holder with Greg Hancock on 38.

Woffinden said: "I'm happy with my result but I still know I could have done more and there is something to build on for me to go into the next round in Prague."

The top three in the standings are all part of the Monster Energy stable of world stars in the sport.

"Chris and Greg are going good and we are all up there for a reason, we are consistent," said Woffinden. "I think it's a battle which can go on throughout the season and other riders will have good meetings to come up and join us too."

Ikon aces strike for national success

Karate club members with their haul of medals

MEMBERS of a Wolverhampton karate club are celebrating after taking home nine medals from a national championship.

Ikon Martial Arts, based in Showell Road, Bushbury, triumphed at the English Karate Championships in Sheffield. Members won three gold, three silver and three bronze medals.

The Ikon medallists were Aman Sher, Harrison Dooley, Curtis Harvey, Luke Millington, Mohsen Haidari, Megan Hill, Melissa Griffiths, Amelia Harvey, Beth Jackson, Apo Fars, Samuel Phillips and Asif Ahmadi.

Gold medallist Samuel Phillips became the 10-11 boys' individual English champion. He was also part of the boys' team with Apo Fars and Asif Ahmadi which won the team 10-11 title.

Senior gold medallist Amelia Harvey won the ladies' minus-68kg championships as well as a silver medal in ladies' open weight.

Chief instructor at Ikon, Stennett Harvey, said: "It was a fantastic achievement from all our competitors and I am very proud of the hard work and dedication they put in. They are now looking forward to competing in the British Four Nations."

Karate

FIGHTER KICKS OFF IN VEGAS

WHEN Michelle Jones is not working in her customer adviser role, she is hitting the gym six days a week preparing for an 'opportunity of a lifetime'.

The 37-year-old Wolverhampton mother is to represent Team UK in the World Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Championships in Las Vegas.

The former Heath Park School student is one of two women in a 16-strong British team flying over to 'Sin City' for the competition, which starts on July 5.

To get in tip-top shape, she has been training at Wolverhampton Mixed Martial Arts on Hilton Main Industrial Park, off Bognop Road.

Jones, who lives in Cannock, said: "The competition is part of International Fight Week, a UFC organised event, so we're talking about the highest platform for this sport.

"There will be competitors from all over the world and it's an exciting prospect to be heading out to the fight capital of the world to test myself. This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime.

Intense

"Currently, my training base is in Wolverhampton but I join up with the Team UK in Leicestershire once a month, as the date gets nearer the training is getting more intense but I can't wait to get out there."

Jones began MMA in 2013 but has trained in kickboxing for the last 10 years. Her MMA fight record currently stands at five wins, no defeats and a draw.

Dan Korbely, 27, from Bushbury, runs Wolverhampton MMA and has trained Jones for the last three years.

He believes she can take gold in Las Vegas, adding: "She has done all she can in Britain and now is her time in Las Vegas.

"The platform she will be fighting on is massive and I genuinely believe she can take the gold and the way she's training that's all she has in her sights.

"This isn't someone going over to Las Vegas for a holiday, she's going there to win and I truly believe if she impresses we could see Michelle Jones on a UFC card in the near future."

Michelle Jones with her trainer at Wolverhampton Mixed Martial Arts, Dan Korbely

Maiden on board for another Open success

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Owen Maiden continues to make waves on the British Darts Organisation's starlets circuit after picking up his fourth ranking title.

Maiden again went all of the way in the youth singles at the International Open after coming through a mixed 19-player field, *writes Craig Birch*.

All of the organisation's top performers were involved in various tournaments at the Pontins Holiday Park in Brean Sands, Somerset.

Maiden had to play a preliminary round tie against Keiron Heard, whitewashing him 3-0, before beating Tia Jarman 3-1.

Another 3-0 shut-out followed against Liam Baker, before a 3-1 vanquishing of Daniel Perry set up a final showdown against Wales' Alec Small. Maiden came out on top 3-2.

The 16-year-old from Ashmore Park in Wednesfield retained the International Open title. Maiden also competed in the men's singles and overcame Chris Hole 4-1 before going down 4-2 to Garry Thompson.

Red Devils striker lined up by Jackett

MANCHESTER United striker James Wilson is believed to be on Wolves' shortlist as Kenny Jackett lines up his striker targets this summer.

Wilson has long been on Wolves' radar and is thought to be available for a loan move to the Championship again next season.

The 20-year-old spent six months on loan at Brighton last season, scoring five goals in 25 appearances – 14 of which came as a substitute.

The England Under-21 international has already made 20 appearances for United's first team and they have no plans to sell him. United do, however, want Wilson to start more often next season – and Wolves would fit the bill. The Molinuex club were in for Wilson last November before a deal was reached between the Red Devils and Brighton. Now they look set to revive that interest.

Newcastle striker Adam Armstrong has also been on Wolves' list but with the Magpies now in the Championship it is unlikely they will loan him to a rival.

Crystal Palace striker Patrick Bamford is, however, thought to be available for a move to the second tier.

Wolves won't be short of competition for Wilson, who despite an indifferent end to his Brighton loan is very highly rated at Old Trafford.

Wolves, however, will move for Middlesbrough man Adam Reach this summer.

Reach starred for Preston on loan in the Championship last season and is likely to be available owing to Boro's promotion to the Premier League.

With the highly-rated 23-year-old sure to cost at least £2m, Wolves would prefer a season-long loan deal. Reports also suggest Wolves have bid £750,000 for giant 6ft 6in Fulham striker Matt Smith. He has long been on Jackett's radar.

Wolves agree to trial 'Rooney rule'

WOLVES will interview one black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) candidate for first-team coaching roles after agreeing to trial a new Football League pilot scheme.

They are one of four Championship clubs who will trial the 'Rooney rule' scheme during 2016/17. Blues, Huddersfield and Fulham are the others.

Chief executive Jez Moxey said Wolves were keen to trial the scheme, which he hoped would help achieve positive change in football. The new measures are aimed at tackling under-representation of managers and coaches from certain cultural backgrounds.

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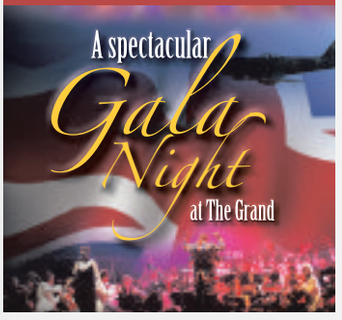

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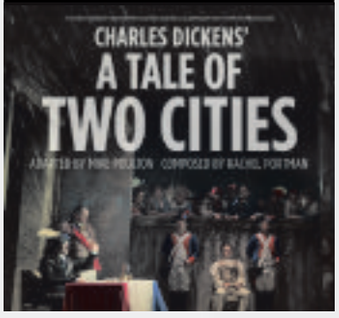

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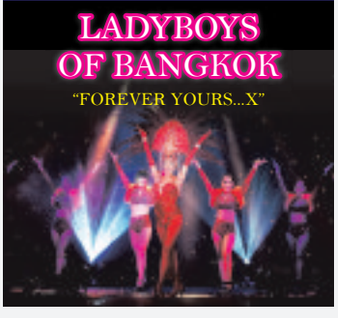

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